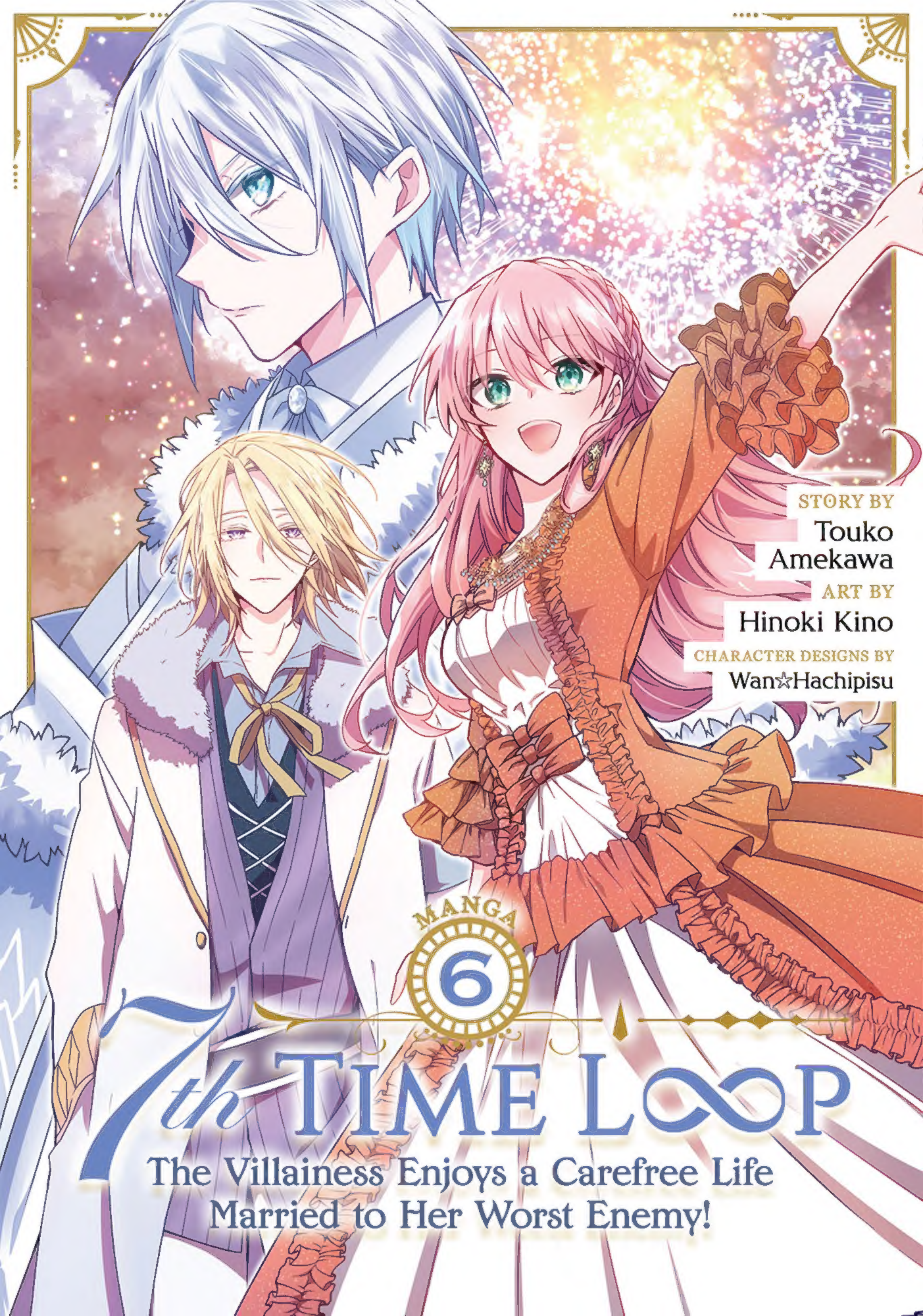




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CHAPTER 27
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You Can Exist in This World



HE COMPLI-
MENTED
ME!!

FIDGET

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MR.
TULLY.

JEWELRY FROM
COYOLLES
IS FINELY
CRAFTED
AND OF THE
HIGHEST
QUALITY.

YOU
HAVE A
GOOD
EYE.

I REALLY
APPRECIATE
YOU INDULGING
MY SUDDEN
REQUEST.

UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THOUGH, I
COULDN'T FIND
THE **OTHER**
ITEM YOU
ASKED FOR.

I FIG-
URED
THAT
WOULD
BE THE
CASE...

PRINCE
KYLE IS
VISITING
YOU, ISN'T
HE?

AND I'M
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME.

I'VE
ASKED
THEM, BUT
IT'S NOT
THE SORT
OF THING
THAT'S
TYPICALLY
TRADED IN
THE MAR-
KETS...

THE
MERCHANTS
IN GALKHEIN
MIGHT HAVE
SOME LEADS.



PRINCE
KYLE ALWAYS
MAKES IT A
POINT TO MEET
THE PEOPLE HE
DOES BUSINESS
WITH PERSONALLY,
AND TRADES
FAIRLY WITH
THEM.

HE'S THE
TYPE OF MAN
MERCHANTS
CAN TRUST.

I'M SURE
THEY'LL
HELP HIM
WITH ANY
DIFFICULT
REQUEST
HE MIGHT
HAVE.

US
MERCHANTS
TAKE CARE
OF OUR GOOD
CUSTOMERS,
AFTER ALL.





I CAN
DETERMINE
THE
INGRE-
DIENTS
MYSELF.

THAT'S
NOT A
PROBLEM.

I'M SURE
MICHEL
WOULD'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO TELL...

I CAN'T
GUARANTEE
THAT THIS
POWDER IS
GENUINE,
THOUGH.



I HAVE
ONE FINAL
MEETING
WITH PRINCE
ARNOLD.



YES.
I IMAGINE HE'S
SURROUNDED
BY BOOKS
SOMEWHERE.



DID
MICHEL
LEAVE THE
CASTLE
TODAY AS
WELL?



THE
EVENING
OF THE
DAY AFTER
TOMORROW
WILL BE
OUR LAST
CHANCE.

MEOW!



I CAN'T LET
HIM KNOW
ABOUT
COYOLLES'S
PREDICA-
MENT.

IT WOULD
PUT PRINCE
KYLE'S LIFE
IN DANGER.



THE OFFICIAL
REASONS FOR
PRINCE KYLE'S
VISIT TO GALKHEIN
ARE FOR HIM TO
CONGRATULATE
US ON OUR
ENGAGEMENT,
AND FOR HIS
SCHOLARS
TO EXCHANGE
INFORMATION
WITH OURS.

IF THEY
EXTEND THEIR
STAY WITHOUT
REASON, THE
EMPEROR
WILL BECOME
SUSPICIOUS.



SIR.

SHF
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AND...



OH,
RISHE.

GOOD
EVENING.

I BELIEVE
I'VE ALREADY
DECLINED
THAT OFFER.

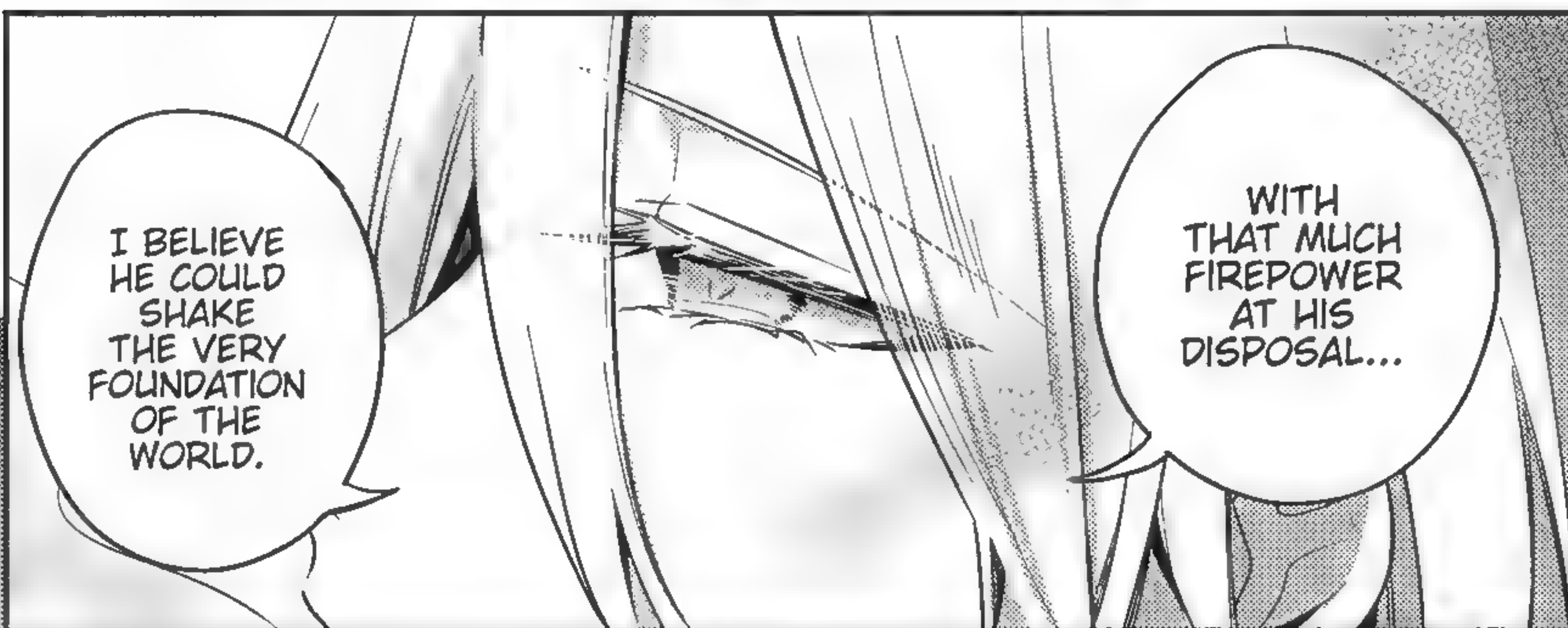
HAVE
YOU MADE
UP YOUR
MIND ABOUT
TRAVELING
WITH ME?



YES, I
THINK
SO.



DO YOU
REALLY PLAN
TO SUPPLY
PRINCE ARNOLD
WITH YOUR
GUNPOWDER?



I BELIEVE
HE COULD
SHAKE
THE VERY
FOUNDATION
OF THE
WORLD.

WITH
THAT MUCH
FIREPOWER
AT HIS
DISPOSAL...



EVERYTHING
MUST FULFILL
ITS INTENDED
PURPOSE,
YOU SEE.

MEANING
THAT THE
MOST
APPROPRIATE
USE FOR
THEM IS
KILLING.

POISON,
GUNPOW-
DER...
EACH ARE
CREATED
WITH THE
POWER TO
HARM...



I'M
REALLY NOT
TRYING TO
BE CRUEL.

EVEN IF
PEOPLE
LOSE THEIR
LIVES?

MY
EXISTENCE
IS THE
SAME.



BUT
YES.



YOU ACT LIKE
THE PARAGON OF
FREEDOM, BUT IN
REALITY, YOU'RE
MORE TRAPPED
THAN ANYONE
ELSE.

HM...?



SQUEEZE

YOU
WERE
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS.



"There is
no one
who will
use this
substance
the way
I want."

BUT YOU'RE
TIED DOWN
BY YOUR OWN
PERCEPTION
OF WHAT AN
ALCHEMIST'S
ROLE IS.

THERE ARE
SO MANY
THINGS YOU
WANT AND
DON'T WANT
TO DO.

WHAT
ARE
YOU...?

BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN
THEY'RE YOUR
SOLE PURPOSE
IN LIFE.

THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
THAT ONLY
YOU CAN DO.



EVEN A
PERSON
WITHOUT
PURPOSE...

CAN EXIST
IN THIS
WORLD.



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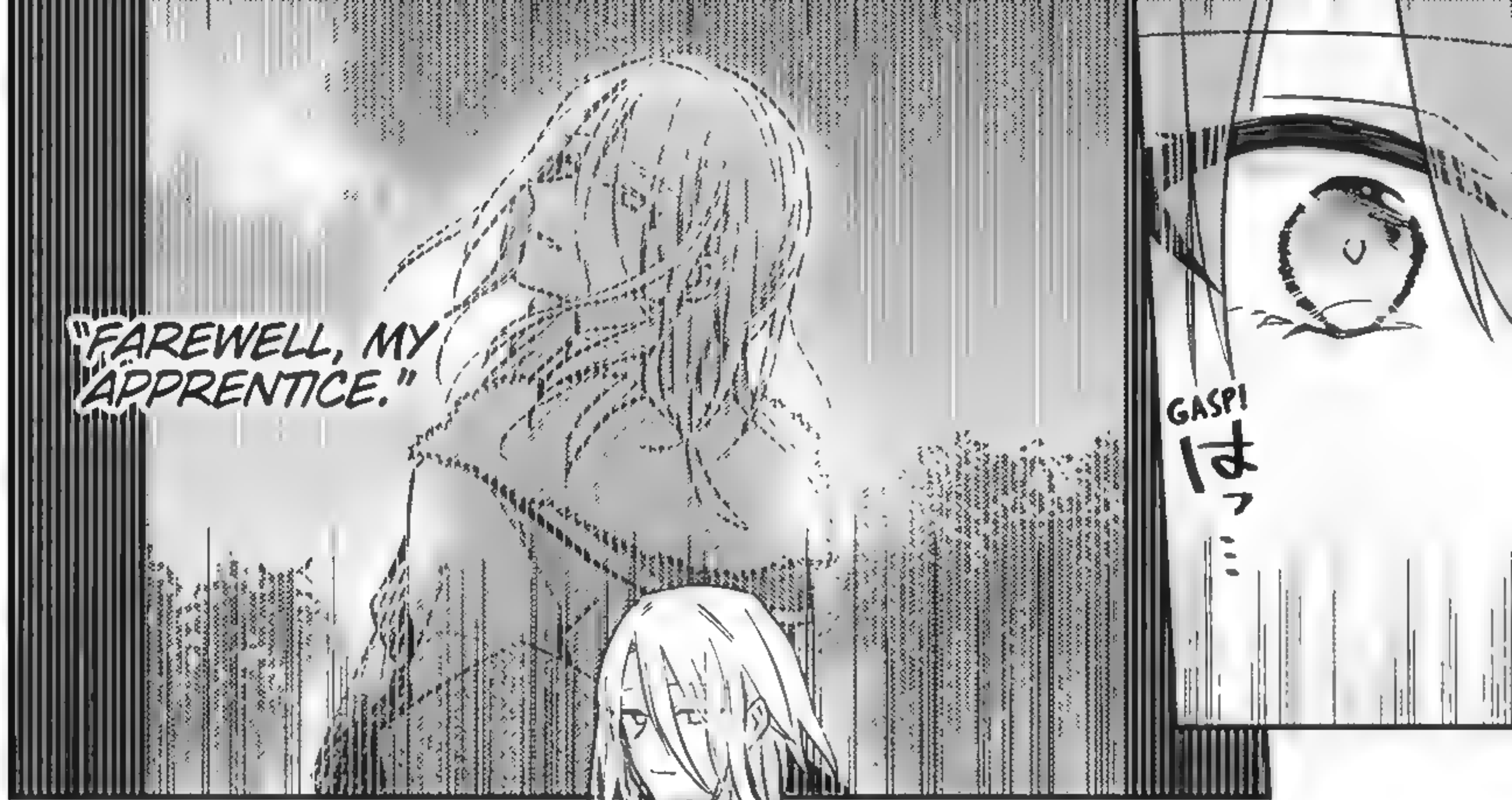
SIR, I...



Heh!

YOU
ALWAYS
SAY
SUCH
STRANGE
THINGS...

NOTHING
BORN INTO
THIS WORLD
EXISTS
WITHOUT A
PURPOSE.



HE'S AN
ALCHEMIST.

WORDS
ALONE
AREN'T
ENOUGH.

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IF I CAN'T
PROVIDE
SOLID PROOF,
HE WON'T
BELIEVE ME.

Two days later.

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Main Castle,
Conference Room



I SEE
NO VALUE
IN HAVING
COYOLLES
AS AN ALLY.

ALLOW ME TO
PREFACE THIS
MEETING BY
SAYING THAT
I DON'T PLAN
ON REPEATING
MYSELF.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TIME TODAY.



I ASSUME
YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
WORTH-
WHILE TO
SAY.

IS THAT
COR-
RECT,
RISHE?



HOW-
EVER...

GLANCE



I CAN'T
CRUMBLE
UNDER
PRESSURE.

YES, YOUR
HIGHNESS.



BEFORE
WE BEGIN,
CAN YOU
TELL WHAT'S
DIFFERENT
ABOUT ME
TODAY?



THIS IS A
BUSINESS
NEGOTIATION.



CORRECT.
EACH OF
THESE ITEMS
WAS MADE IN
COYOLLES.



A NECK-
LACE,
BRACE-
LET...

EARRINGS.

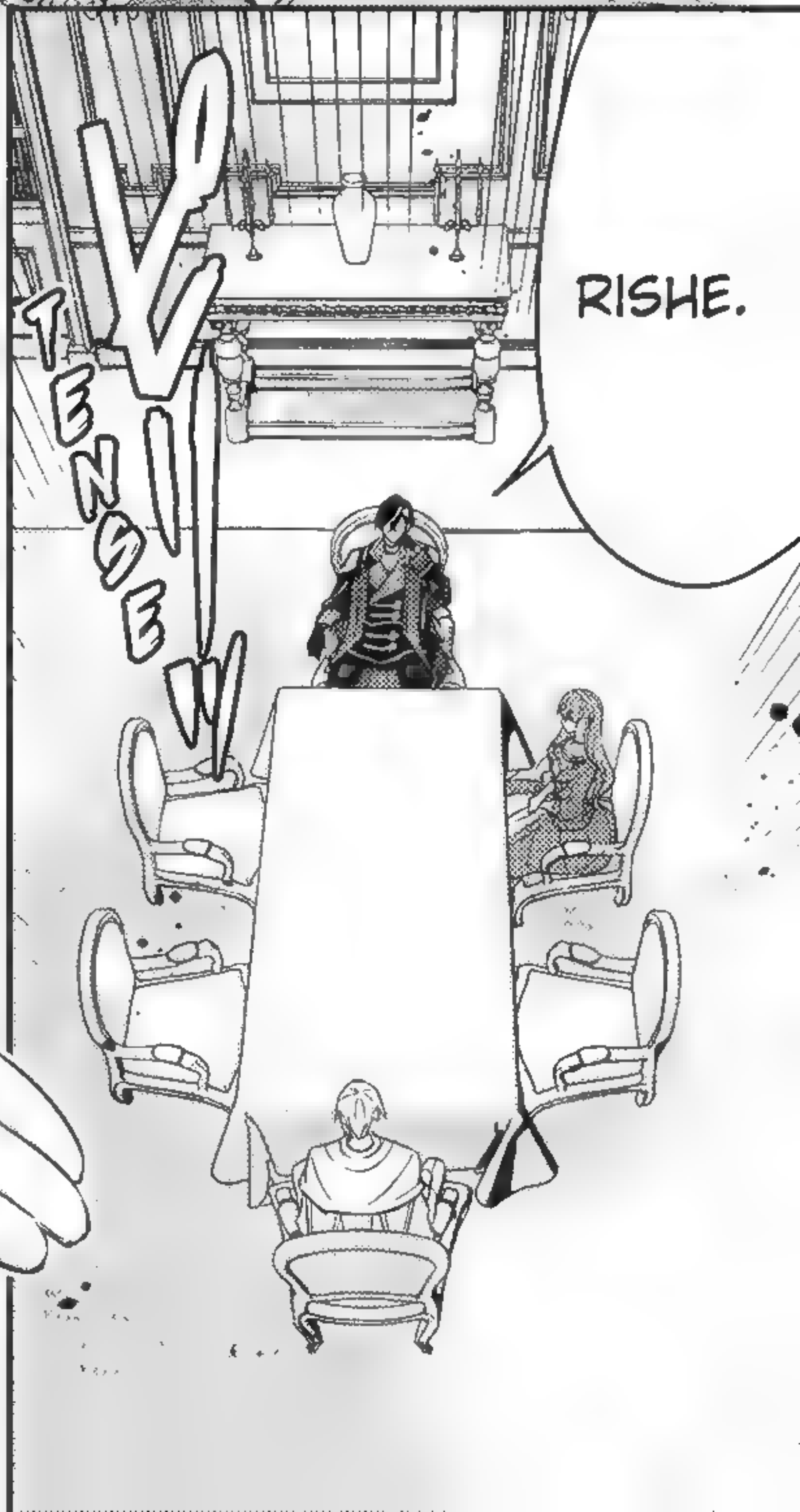
I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU
WEAR ANY
OF THESE
BEFORE.



I BELIEVE
THAT OUR
ABILITY TO
PRODUCE SUCH
SOPHISTICATED
PRODUCTS IN A
SHORT PERIOD
OF TIME IS
UNRIVALED.

MANY
CRAFTSMEN
MAKE THEIR
LIVING BY
STAYING
INDOORS AND
CREATING
JEWELRY.

OUR COUNTRY
IS COVERED IN
SNOW FOR MUCH
OF THE YEAR, SO
GEMSTONES ARE
OUR ONLY VIABLE
COMMODITY.

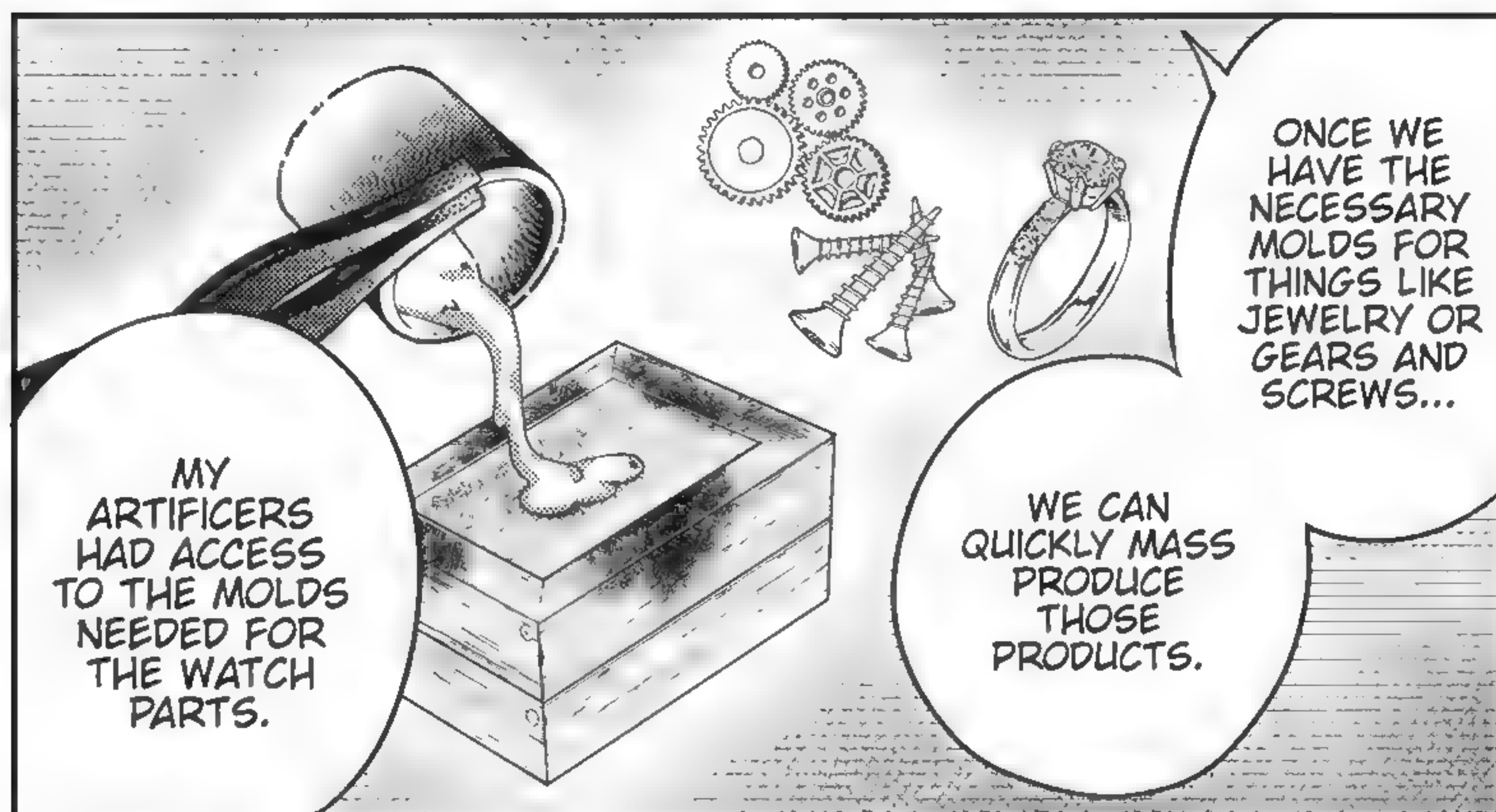






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I SAW
MANY SUCH
EXPERIMENTS
DURING MY
LIFE AS AN
ALCHEMIST.

PLENTY OF
SCHOLARS ARE
CURRENTLY
STUDYING THE
POTENTIAL
APPLICATIONS
FOR SIMPLE
MACHINES LIKE
SPRINGS AND
GEARS.

IF WE
COLLABO-
RATE WITH
THEM...

WE COULD
CREATE
MARVELS
SUCH AS
CARRIAGES
THAT MOVE
WITHOUT
HORSES...

OR BOATS
THAT MOVE
WITHOUT
WIND.

THEY MAY
JUST BE
FANTASTICAL
IDEAS RIGHT
NOW, BUT...

I TRULY
BELIEVE THAT
ONE DAY THOSE
DREAMS CAN BE
ACHIEVED.



HAVE YOU
EVER WANTED
TO OWN A LARGE
QUANTITY OF
THE RAREST
ITEMS IN
EXISTENCE?

OR
IMAGINED
HAVING
THE SKILLS
AND TECH-
NOLOGY
NEEDED...

TO
COLLECT
THEM
AND TURN
THEM INTO
SOMETHING
ELSE?

THE ONLY
COUNTRY IN
THE WORLD...

THAT CAN
MAKE THAT
HAPPEN IS
COYOLLES.



YOU HAVE
THE POWER
TO BRING
THOSE
TECHNICAL
CAPABILITIES
RIGHT TO
GALKHEIN!

PRINCE
ARNOLD.

I'M CERTAIN
YOU WOULD
WANT THAT.



YOU SAY
THAT AS
IF YOU'VE
SEEN THE
FUTURE
YOURSELF.

HA....!



IN EVERY
PREVIOUS LIFE,
COYOLLES WAS
INVADED BY
GALKHEIN AND
SUBSEQUENTLY
DISAPPEARED.



THE
FUTURE I'M
SPEAKING
OF NOW IS
ALL SPECU-
LATIVE.

IF I CAN'T
CONVINCE
HIM HERE...

WELL?

SQUEEZE
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WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
TRYING TO
ACCOMPLISH
HERE?

KYLE
MORGAN
CLEVERLY.



IT'S
ONE AREA
WHERE
MY OWN
KINGDOM
IS SORELY
LACKING.

I WILL
ADMIT, YOUR
COUNTRY IS
TECHNOLOGI-
CALLY
SUPERIOR.

SLAM

THAT
SAID...

YOUR
NAIVETE
MAKES ME
WANT TO
VOMIT.





ALL I'D
NEED TO
DO IS TO
THREATEN
THEM WITH
OUR
MILITARY
MIGHT.

I
WOULDN'T
EVEN HAVE
TO BAIT
THEM WITH
MONEY.

YOU DO
REALIZE THAT
THINGS LIKE
KNOWLEDGE,
TECHNOLOGY,
AND CRAFTS-
MEN CAN ALL
BE TAKEN
OUT OF YOUR
COUNTRY,
YES?



IT SEEMS
YOU SIMPLY
ALLOWED MY
WIFE TO DRAG
YOU HERE AS
SOME KIND
OF TOKEN
ROYALTY.

DID YOU
REALLY
COME HERE
WITHOUT
CONSIDER-
ING THIS?



YOUR
HIGH-
NESS!
PRINCE
KYLE IS...



DID YOU NOT
CONSIDER WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN
ONCE I GOT MY
HANDS ON THAT
TECHNOLOGY?



RISHE.

YOU'RE
THE SAME
AS HIM
THIS TIME.



OF
COURSE,
I DID.
THAT'S
WHY
I'M...



MY MISTAKE
HERE WAS
HOPING TO RELY
ON YOU FOR
PROTECTION.



BUT...

I DON'T
HAVE THE
SLIGHTEST
REGRET...

FOR
REQUESTING
AN ALLIANCE!



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THIS EMPIRE
INSPIRES
FEAR TO THIS
DAY...

THE
MILITARY
POWER-
HOUSE,
GALKHEIN.

CHAPTER 28

In This Life, I Know Him

BECAUSE OF
THE DEEDS,
FOR GOOD
OR FOR ILL,
OF PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
FATHER, THE
CURRENT
EMPEROR.

THE EMPEROR
USED HIS
POWERFUL
MILITARY
TO START
BRUTAL WARS,
SLAUGHTERING
ANY CIVILIANS
IN HIS PATH
WITHOUT
HESITATION...

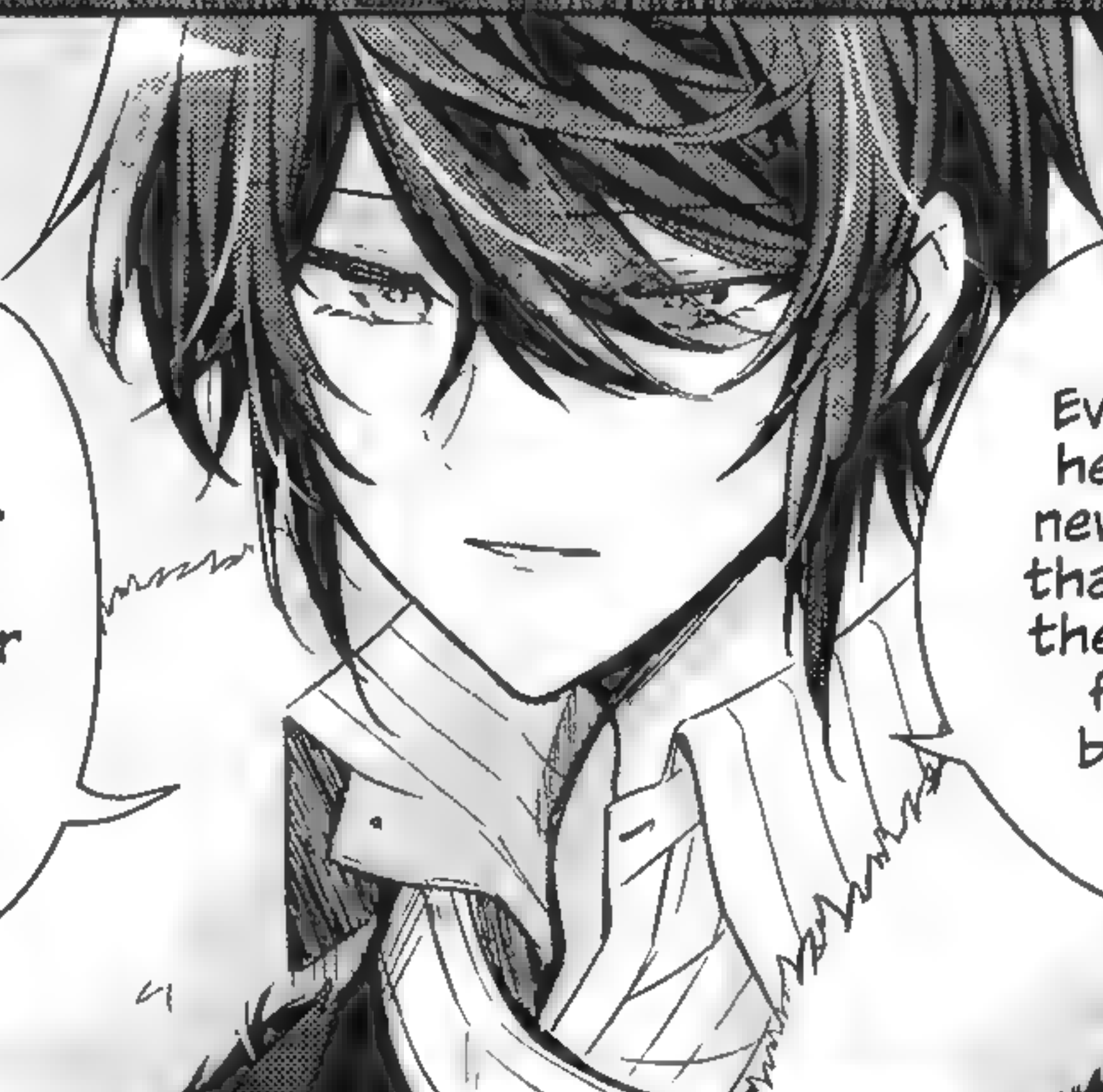
AS HE
SUBJUGAT-
ED THE
REST OF
THE
WORLD.



AND WHILE
HE IS THE
HERO OF THE
BATTLEFIELD,
HIS CRUELTY
STRIKES FEAR
INTO THE
HEARTS OF
BOTH ENEMIES
AND ALLIES
ALIKE.

SLAUGHTERS
ENEMY
COMBATANTS
AND BEHEADS
THEIR ROYAL
FAMILIES.

PRINCE
ARNOLD,
WITH HIS
FATHER'S
BLOOD
COURSING
THROUGH
HIS VEINS...



he never
takes
credit for
them.

Even when
he enacts
new policies
that change
the country
for the
better...

My
brother
...



most are
made to look
like they were
my father's
idea.

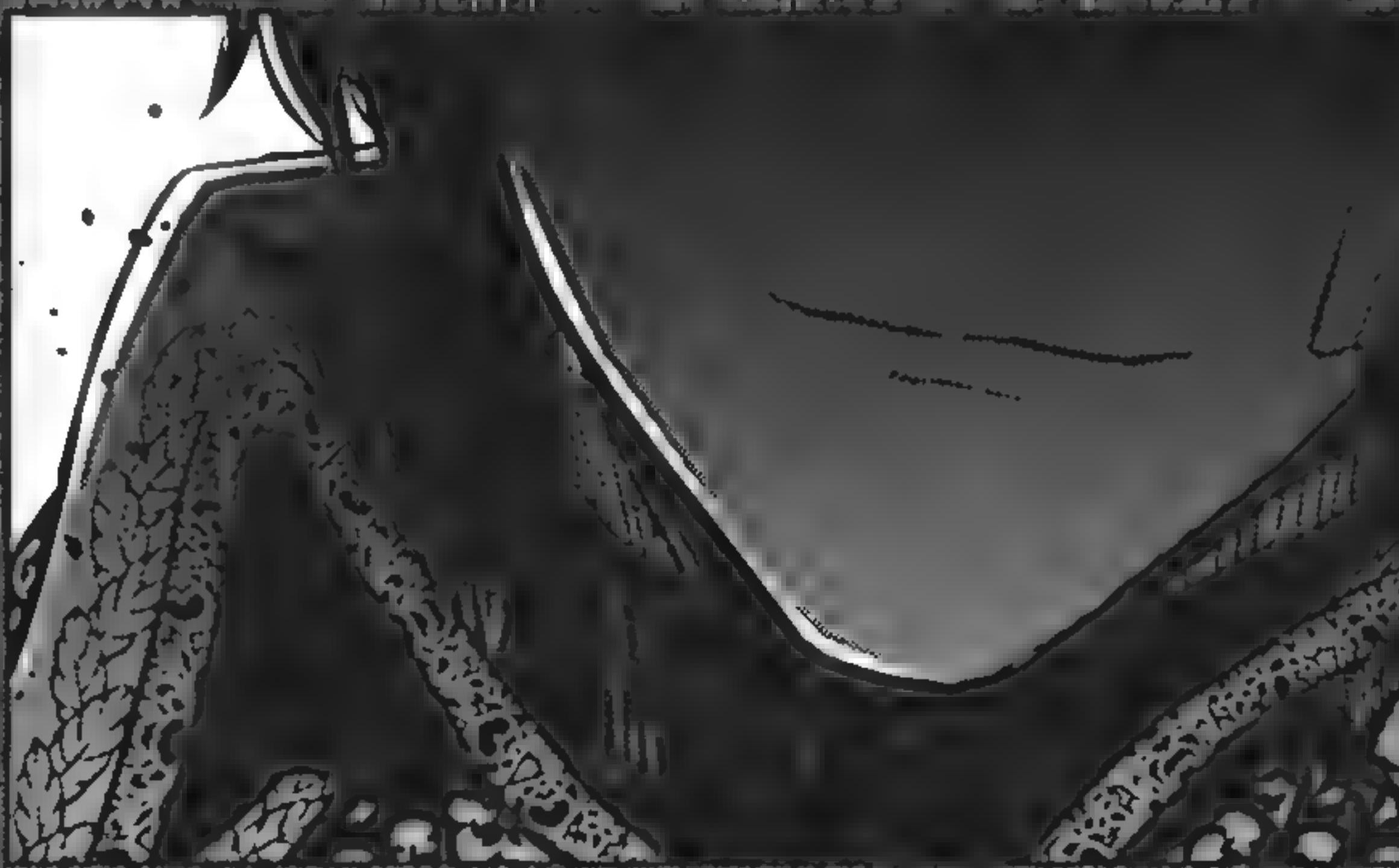


Some of
the bigger
policies are
already being
enacted,
but...



After all,
war is just
one of the
methods by
which we
govern.

If my father
knew the state
Coyolles was in,
he would make a
move before it
could be invaded
by another
country...



"IF MY FATHER
FINDS OUT,
THEN THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO TO
STOP HIM!"



AND
KILLED
ME.

HE STARTED
A WAR...

IN EACH
ONE...

It'll be
okay.

There have
been many
casualties.

PRINCE
ARNOLD
CAUSED MY
DEATH IN ALL
SIX OF MY
PREVIOUS
LIVES.

IF I'M BY HIS SIDE THIS TIME, WILL I UNDERSTAND WHY?





It's
in my
nature...

I am
just
like the
emperor.



to invade
and
conquer.

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LADY RISHE
BELIEVES
IN YOU.



WHO WILL BEGIN
AN AGGRESSIVE
WAR CAMPAIGN
IN JUST TWO
YEARS AS
EMPEROR
ARNOLD HEIN...

THAT'S RIGHT.
EVEN IF HE'S
KNOWN NOW
AS A RUTHLESS
PRINCE...



THERE'S NO
WAY YOU
DON'T WANT
THAT.

WE HAVE
THE POWER
TO BRING
ABOUT AN
EXTRAORDINARY
FUTURE.

IN THIS
LIFE, I
KNOW
HIM.

I can't
imagine
you to be
a cruel
person...

my
husband.



I CAN
TELL JUST BY
LOOKING AT
RECORDS OF
BATTLE AND
HEARING ABOUT
YOUR POLICIES.

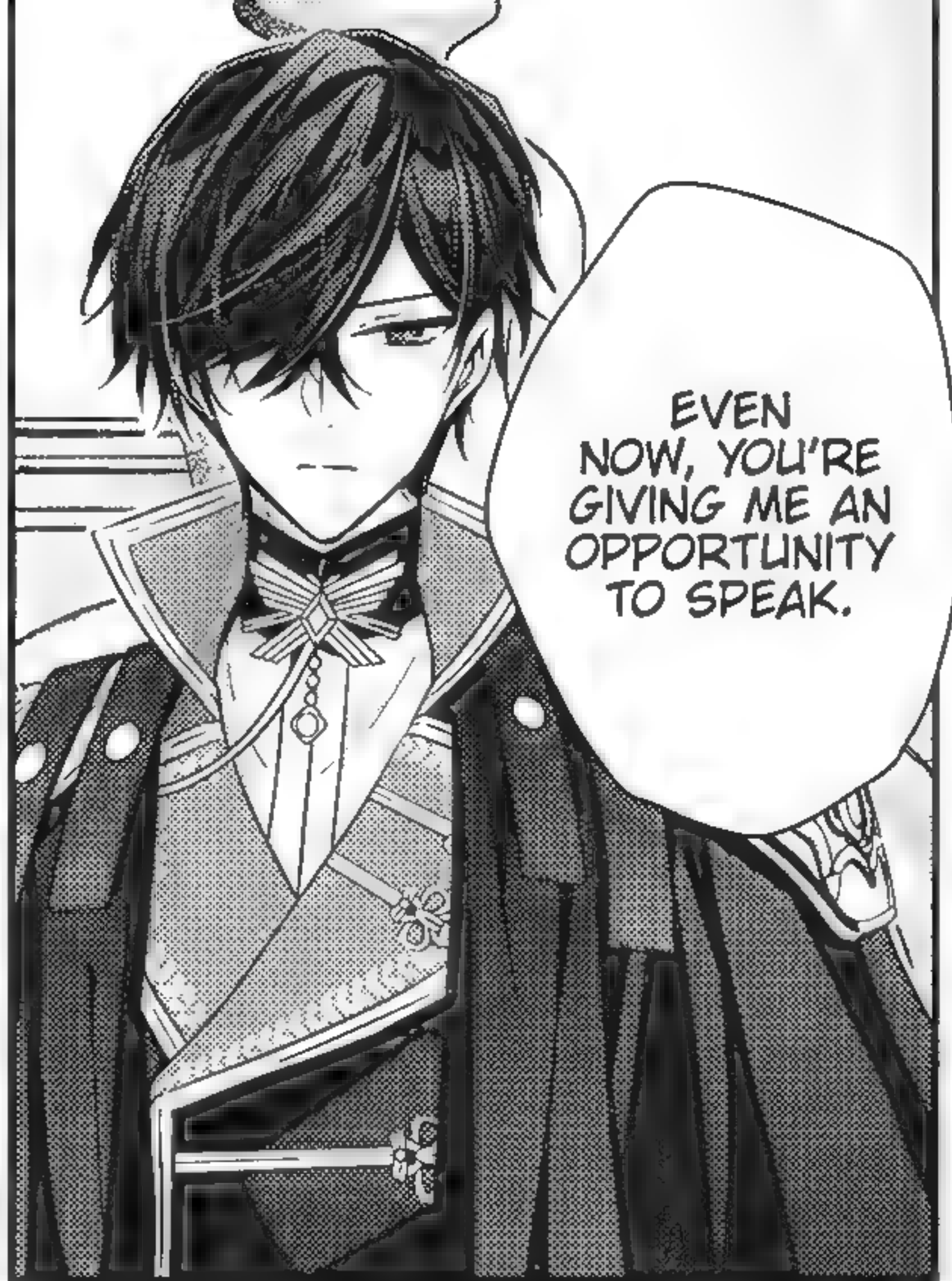
YOU'RE A
GREAT LEADER
WHO SHOWS
RESPECT EVEN
TO ENEMY
SOLDIERS...

I CAME
TO THIS
COUNTRY
BELIEVING
IN YOU.



ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU TRUST ME NOT TO POACH YOUR ARTISANS?

EXACTLY.



EVEN NOW, YOU'RE GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.



I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY YOU WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO ASK FOR MY HELP.

THAT'S QUITE NAIVE OF YOU.

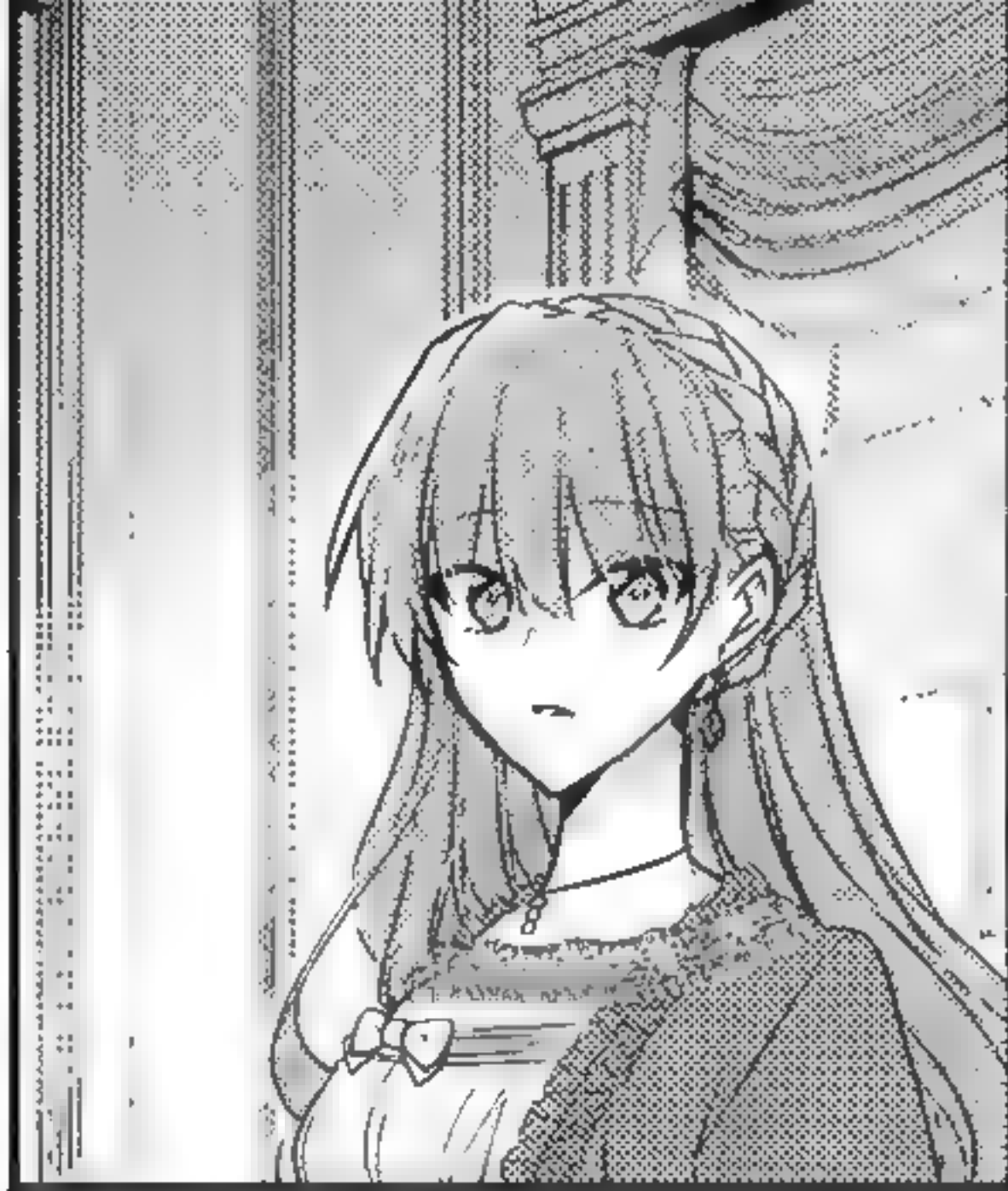


I'VE OFTEN SAID, "I'LL PROTECT COYOLLES WITH MY LIFE."

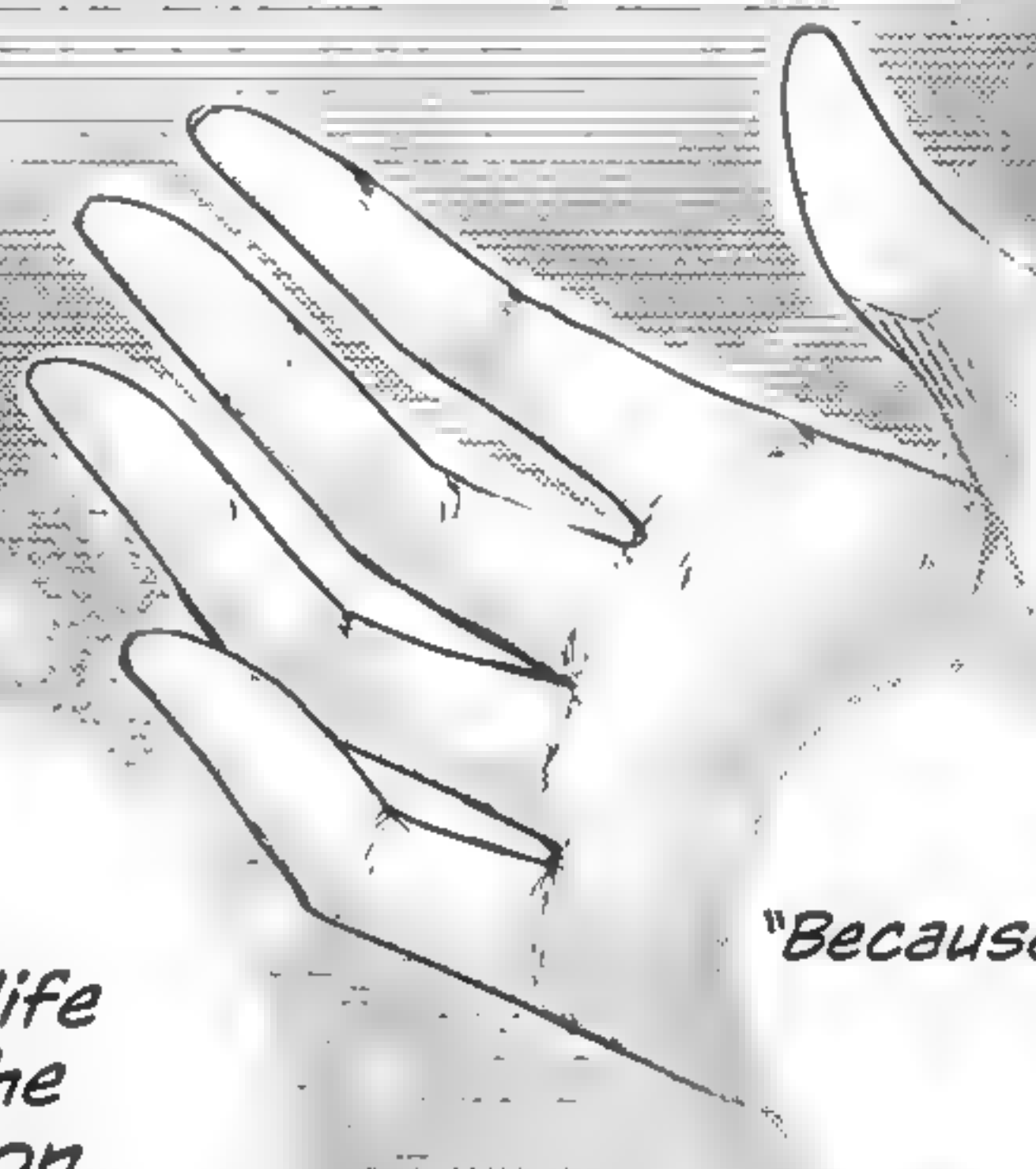
"I WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER."



SQUEEZE
HIT



HOWEVER,
I'VE SINCE
ABANDONED
THAT IDEA.



"But I
don't
think
that's
right.

"Because...

"the life
of the
person
you died
for will
continue
on."

THE KNIGHTS
OF GALKHEIN
ARE STRONG
NOT BECAUSE
THEY NOBLY
DIE TO PROTECT
US...







IF WE COMBINE
THAT WITH THE
STRENGTH OF
YOUR COUNTRY
AND BEGIN
RESEARCH...

THE FUTURE
LADY RISHE
ENVISIONS
WON'T JUST
EXIST IN HER
IMAGINATION.

I WILL DO
ANYTHING TO
EARN YOUR
TRUST.



BUT IF
MORE
OF THEM
FOLLOW
SUIT...

THERE IS
NO OTHER
COUNTRY
WILLING TO
FORGE AN
ALLIANCE
BASED
ON EQUAL
PARTNERSHIP.

THE WORLD
FEARS
GALKHEIN'S
MILITARY
MIGHT.

PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
FUTURE
ACTIONS
MIGHT
CHANGE.



PARDON ME.

KNOCK KNOCK

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GASP!



I HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL, PRINCE KYLE.

APOLOGIES FOR INTERRUPTING, BROTHER.

PRINCE THEODORE?!

I DID NOT MEAN TO INTRUDE UPON YOUR CONVERSATION.



IT'S AN EMERGENCY!



WINK



LADY RISHE?

BUT I MUST EXCUSE MYSELF FOR NOW.

FORGIVE ME.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW THE CONVERSATION GOES.

I REALLY AM VERY SORRY.









OUR
SURVEILLANCE
OF MICHEL
HÉVIN HAS
FAILED.



I GATHERED THE
PEOPLE OF THE
SLUMS THERE
AND HAD THEM
START FANNING
OUT ACROSS THE
CITY TO SEARCH
FOR HIM.

HÉVIN WAS
LAST SEEN IN
THE SOUTH
OF THE CITY
NEAR THE
SEVENTEENTH
DISTRICT.

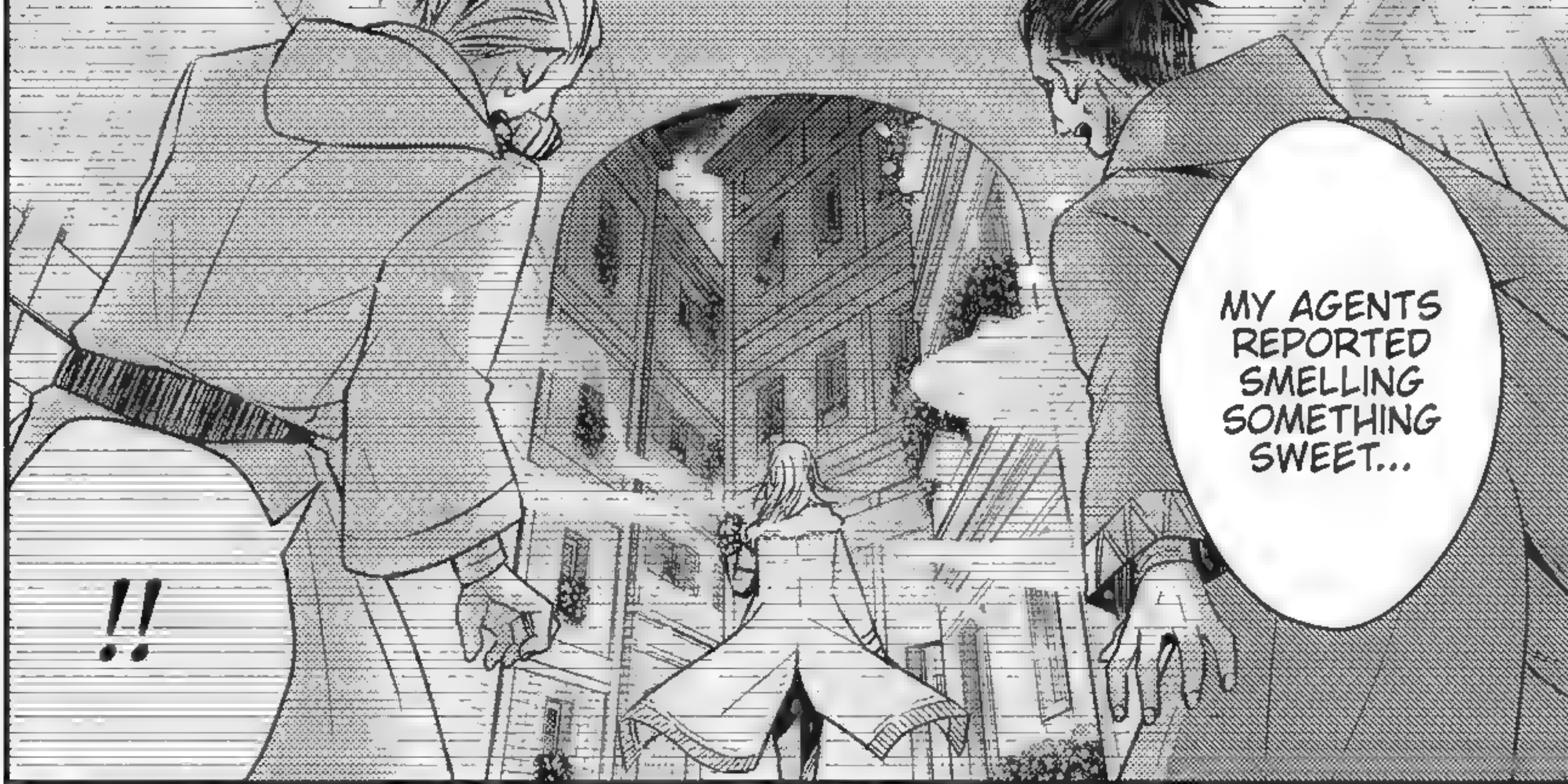
HE
MANAGED
TO LOSE
EVERYONE
WHO WAS
TAILING
HIM.

I WILL
GET
UPDATES
FROM
EVERYONE.



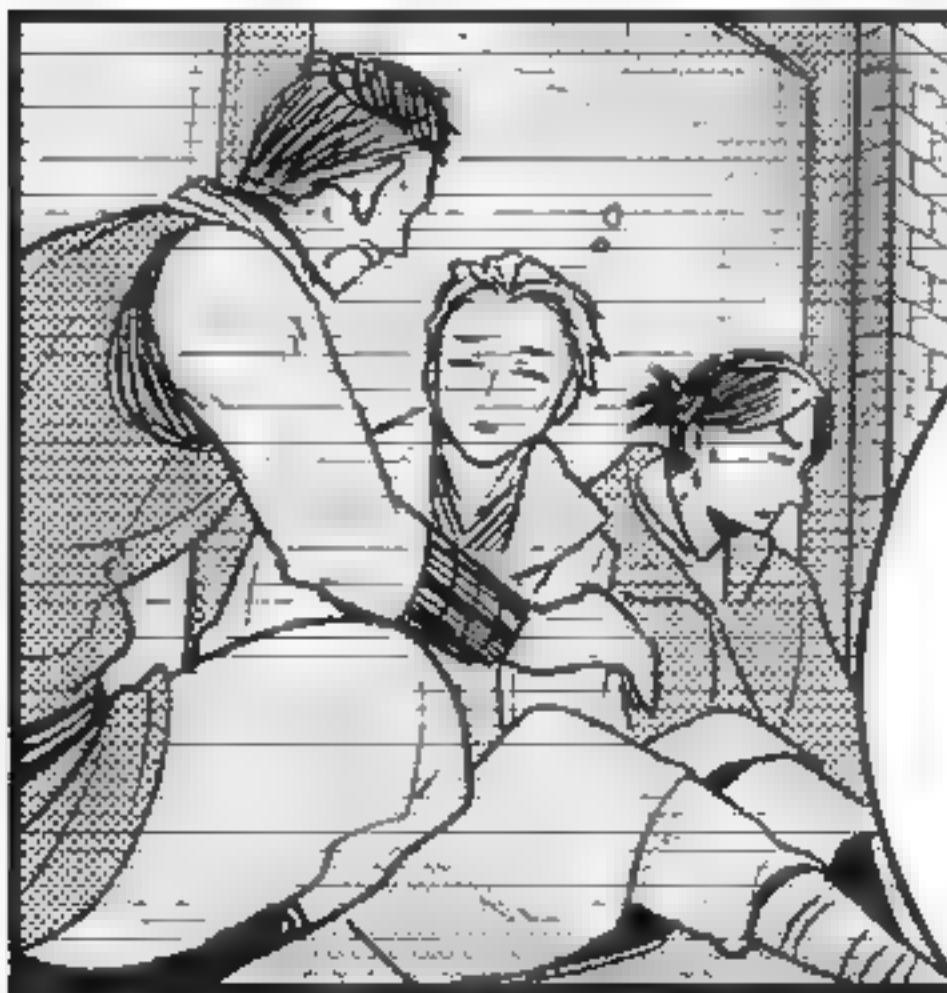
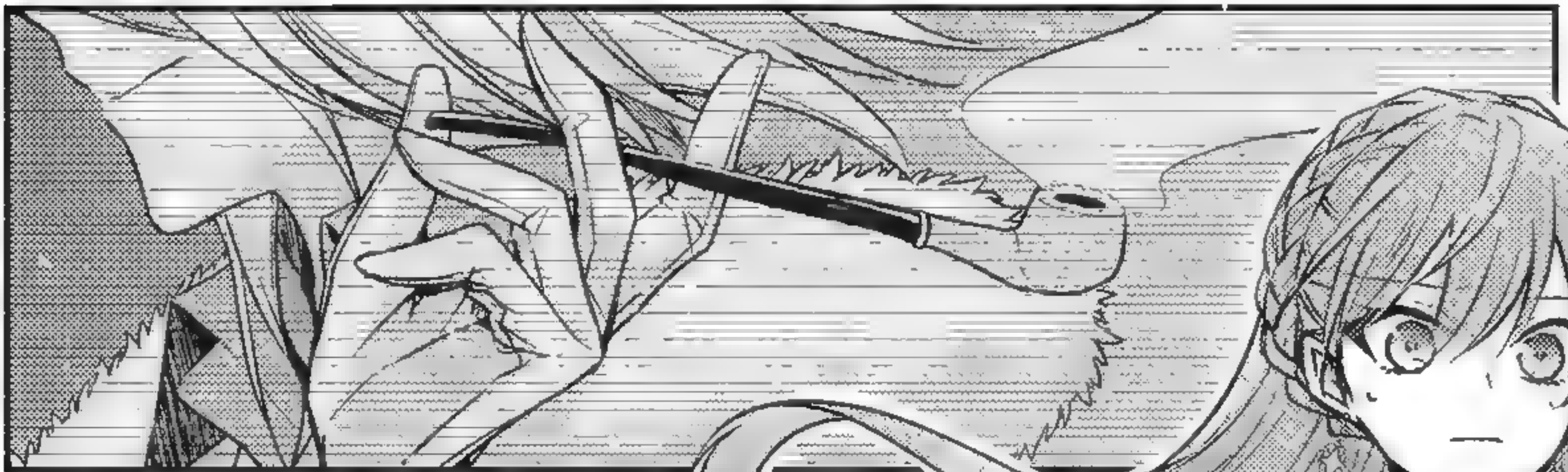
WHAT
HAPPENED
WHEN YOU
LOST HIM?

THE
PEOPLE OF THE
SLUMS
ARE INTIMATELY
FAMILIAR WITH
EVERY INCH
OF THIS CITY,
YET HE STILL
MANAGED
TO EVADE
THEM...



MY AGENTS
REPORTED
SMELLING
SOMETHING
SWEET...

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WHEN THEY
WOKE UP TWO
HOURS LATER,
THE TARGET
WAS GONE.

BUT
THAT'S ALL
THEY CAN
REMEMBER.

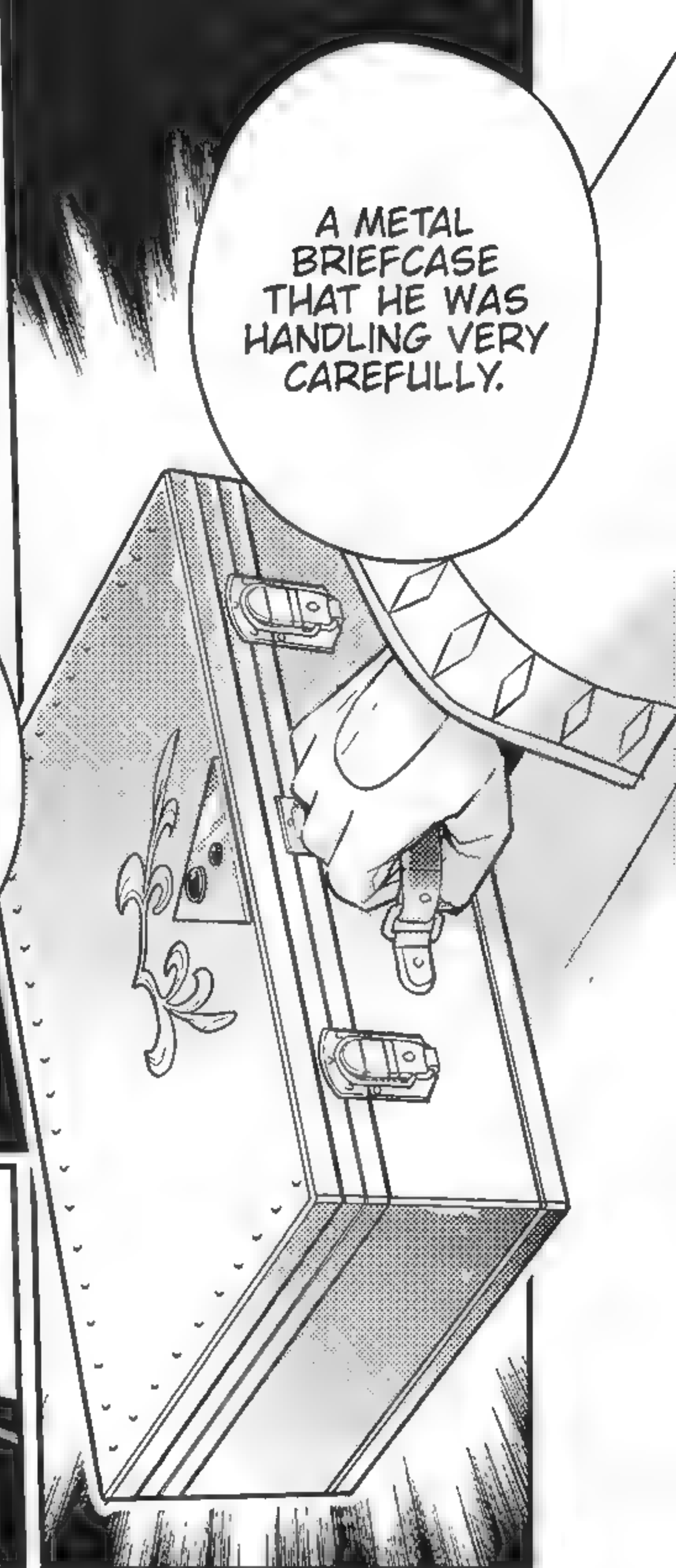
ANES-
THETIC...

OTHER THAN
THAT, THEY
SAW HIM
CARRYING
SOMETHING
UNUSUAL.



SINCE THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY, I WENT AHEAD AND PULLED YOU OUT OF THAT MEETING. BUT WHAT'S BOTHERING ME...

WE'LL ACT AS YOU DIRECTED ONCE WE FIND HIM AGAIN.



A METAL BRIEFCASE THAT HE WAS HANDLING VERY CAREFULLY.



IS WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT CONFERENCE ROOM, RIGHT?





HAS
HE SEEN
THROUGH MY
PLANS?

OR MAYBE
IT WAS
CONVENIENT
FOR HIM TO
HAVE ME
LEAVE?



BUT OLIVER
DIDN'T EVEN
TRY TO
STOP ME.

EVEN
THOUGH I'M
THE SECOND
ELDEST
PRINCE, I
SHOULDN'T
BARGE INTO
MEETINGS
LIKE THAT.

PRINCE
ARNOLD
DIDN'T SEEM
AT ALL
SURPRISED
EITHER.



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LET'S GO!
HE'S THIS
WAY!



GOT IT.

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WHISPER

EXCUSE
ME,
PRINCE
THEO-
DORE.







WILD ANIMALS
ARE MOST
DANGEROUS
WHEN THEY'RE
CORNERED.

YOU SHOULD
BE CAREFUL
HOW YOU
TREAT LAB
ANIMALS.



YA KNOW,
MROW!

WHEN A CAT
HAS NOWHERE
TO RUN, IT'LL
ATTACK THE
DOG THAT
CHASED IT.



STAND
DOWN.

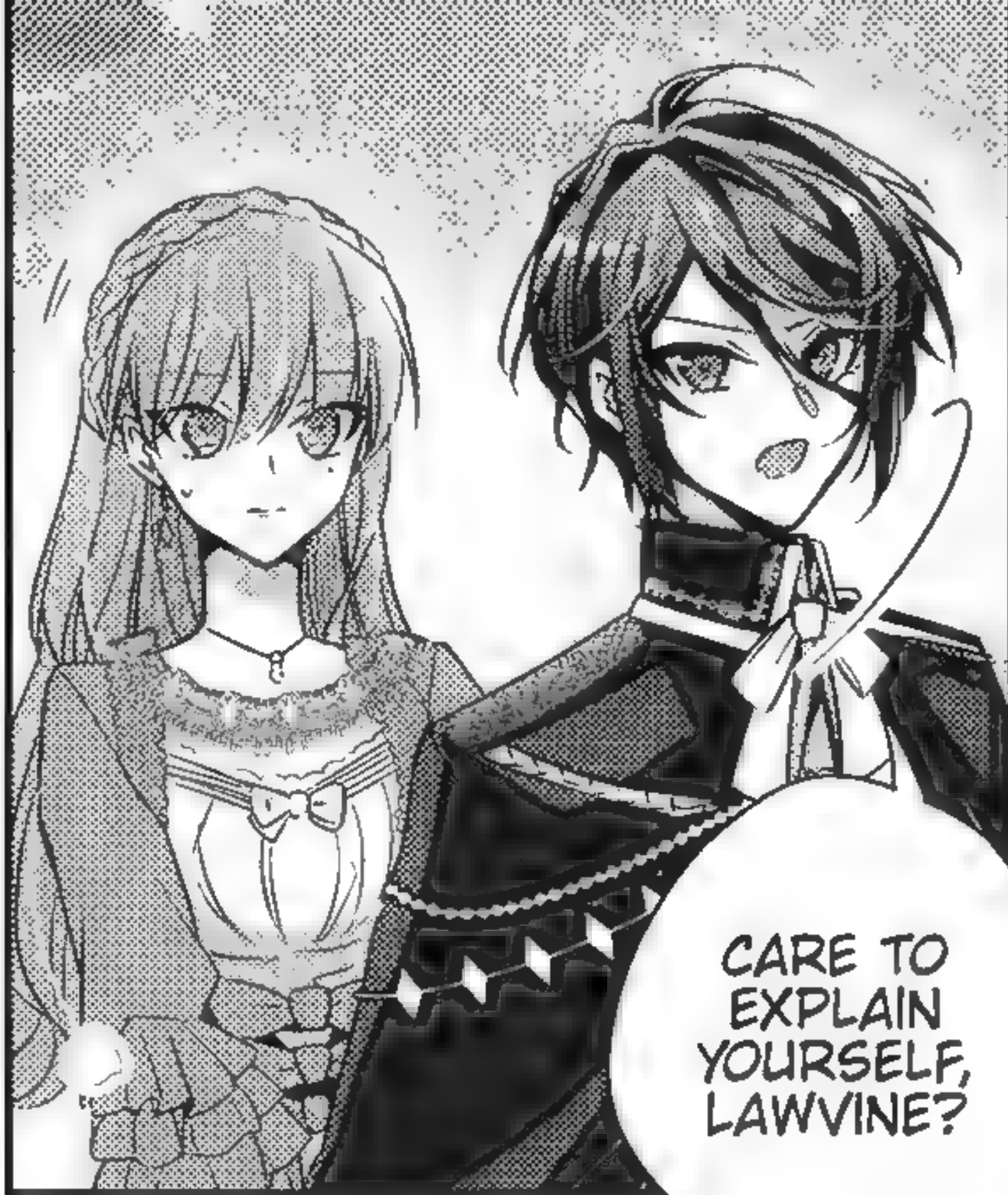
PRINCE
THEODORE,
THE KNIGHTS
SURROUNDING
SIR HÉVIN...

YOU'RE
BEING TOO
FAMILIAR
WITH MY
BROTHER'S
FIANCÉE.

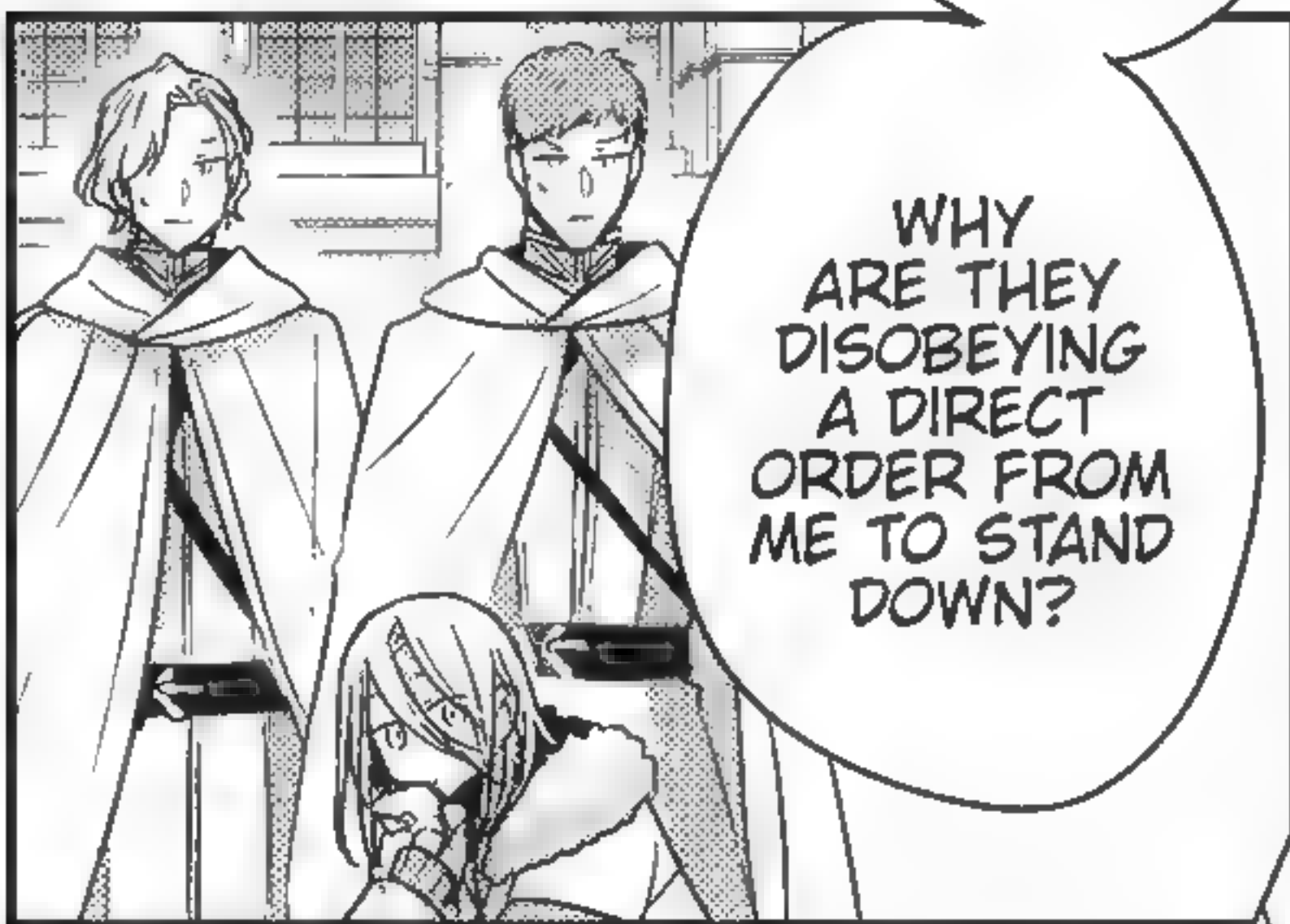
WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
GUY...?

I
KNOW.





CARE TO
EXPLAIN
YOURSELF,
LAWVINE?



WHY
ARE THEY
DISOBEYING
A DIRECT
ORDER FROM
ME TO STAND
DOWN?



FOR-
GIVE
ME.

WE
CANNOT
OBEY YOUR
COMMAND
OUT OF
LOYALTY.

I'M ASKING
FOR AN
EXPLANA-
TION.

LUCIUS
ALCOTT...

LORD
LAWVINE!!

TMP
E/s

TMP
E/s

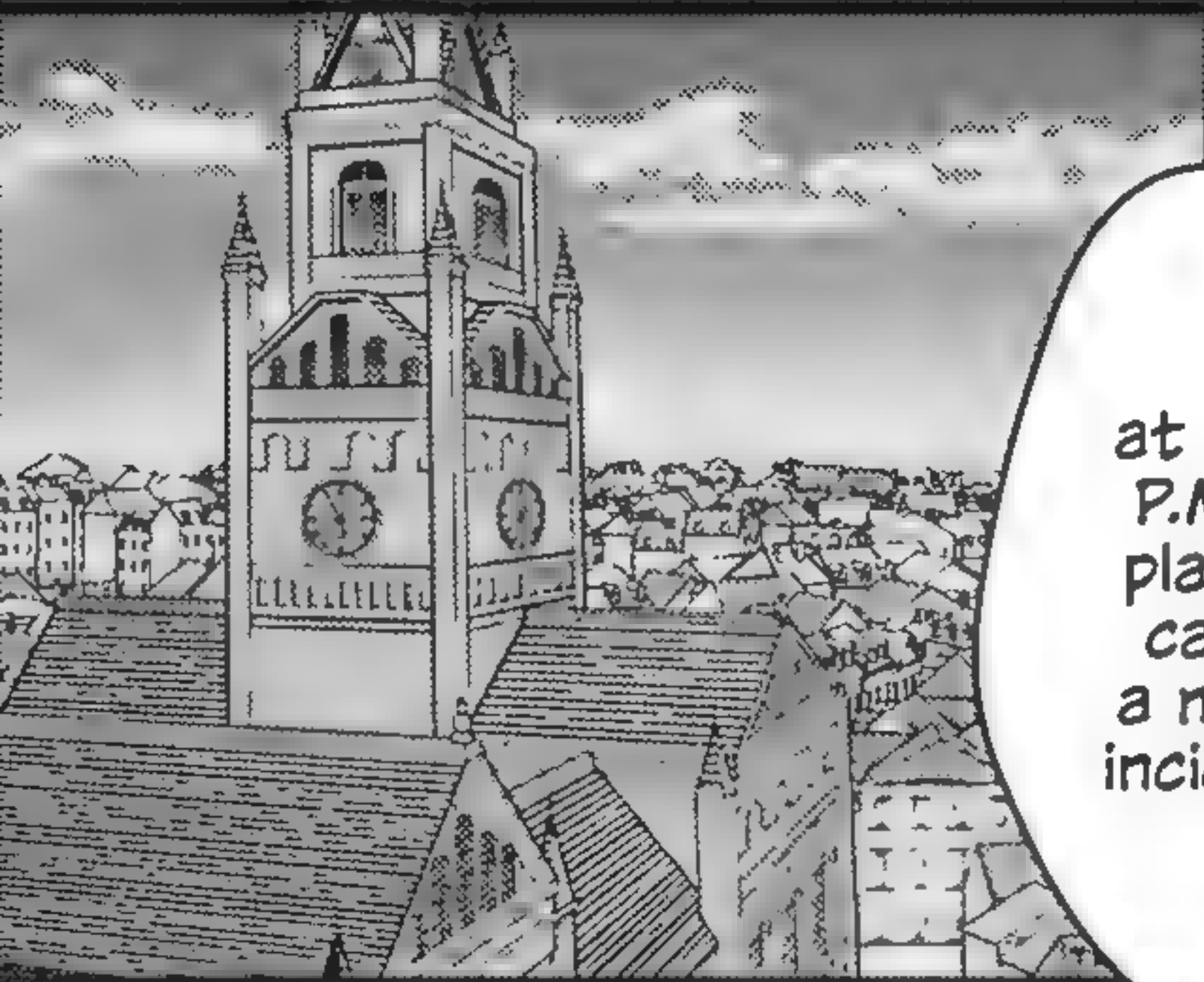


WE ANSWER
ONLY TO HIS
MAJESTY THE
EMPEROR.



MICHEL
HÉVIN TOLD
US...

!!



at 6:00
P.M., I
plan to
cause
a major
incident.



Fifteen
minutes
from
now...

Apprehend
me after-
wards.



THERE'S
NO CHANCE
ARNOLD
HEIN WILL
IGNORE IT.



THAT'S HOW
YOU PLAN ON
INTRODUC-
ING YOUR
GUNPOWDER
TO PRINCE
ARNOLD?

IF
I MENTION
IT WHILE
I'M BEING
QUESTIONED,
HE'LL LOOK
INTO IT.



...
!!





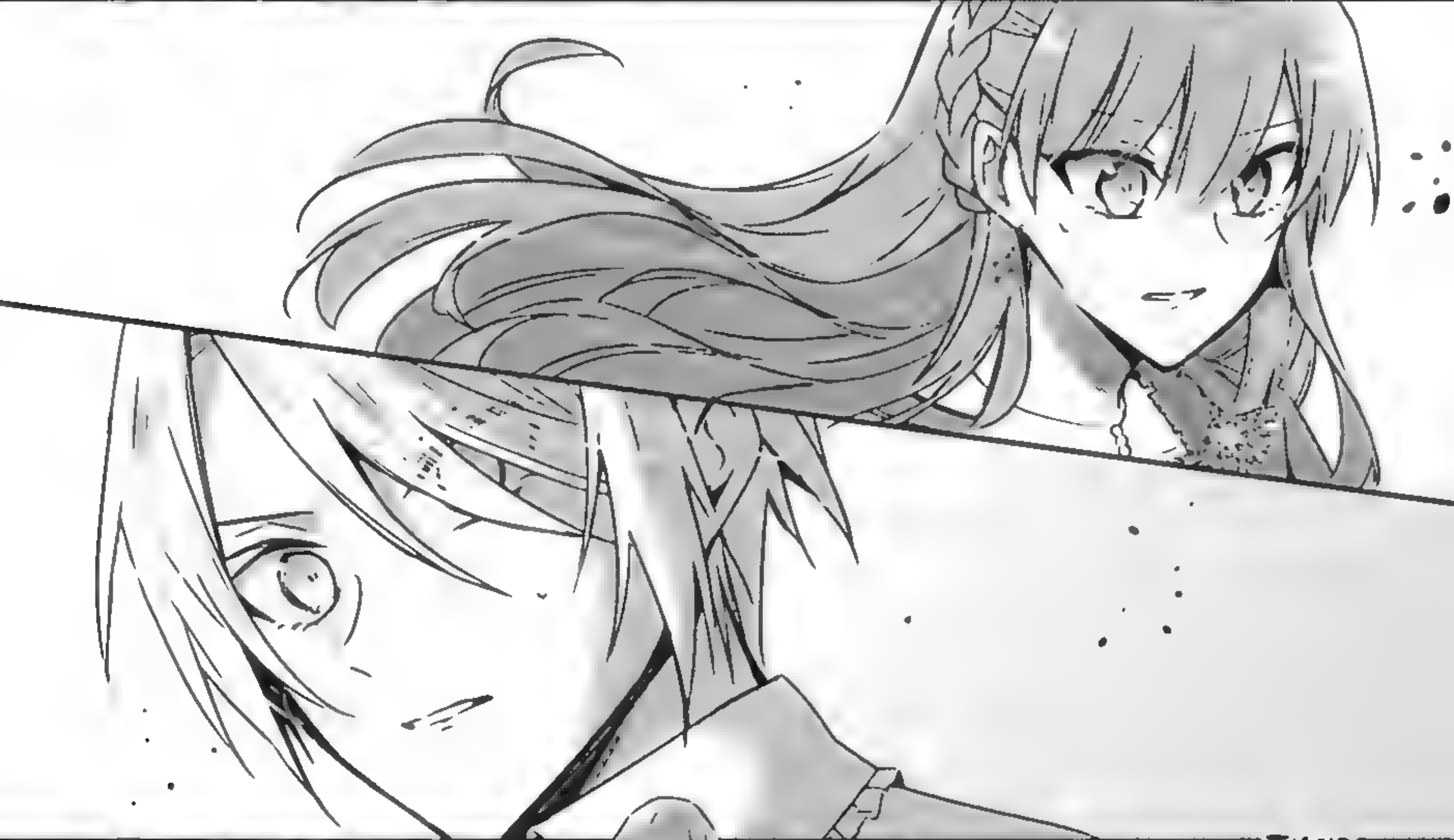
SO
YOU'VE
JUDGED
THAT
MICHEL
HÉVIN, A
GUEST
FROM
COYOLLES
...

IS AN
ENEMY OF
GALKHEIN.

IF MY
FATHER
ORDERED
THIS...

THEN MY
BROTHER IS
PROBABLY
TRYING TO
ARREST
KYLE.





IT MUST
FULFILL ITS
PURPOSE.



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THEY SAY THAT
MY FATHER
WAS ONCE AN
EXCEPTIONAL
SCHOLAR.

My wife died
giving birth
to you.

CHAPTER 29

Because I Am Your Student

BUT HE
CHANGED
AFTER MY
MOTHER DIED.

You
were
born...

You
murderer!

to make
us all
miserable.





I'm sorry
for being
born...

Father.



MY STUDIES
WERE
MY ONLY
COMFORT.

LUCKILY
FOR
ME, THE
BOOKS
NEVER
REJECTED
ME...



AND APPLYING
MY LEARNING
WAS AS EASY
AS BREATHING.



...

He has
my gift.



Use him
however
you wish.



I THOUGHT I'D
FINALLY BEEN
GIVEN A ROLE
OUTSIDE OF
SIMPLY MAKING
MY FAMILY
MISERABLE.

Of
course.

I can
be useful
to you?



At least
you'll
provide
something
of value
this way.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
HOW IT FELT
HEARING
THAT.

It's a
fitting
role for a
murderer
like you.

I'm
sor-
ry.



He's
just
like his
father.

IF I
DESIRED
THE TRUTH,
I WOULD BE
PROVIDED WITH
THE ANSWER
THROUGH
EXPERI-
MENTATION
AND
RESEARCH.

ALCHEMY WAS
EASIER TO
UNDERSTAND
THAN MY
FATHER'S
HEART OR
CHANGING
MOODS.

THE ADULTS
IN THE LAB
WERE KIND.



I THOUGHT I
COULD FINALLY
BE USEFUL TO
SOMEONE.

We don't
have
enough
time until
the war.

What
about
this
chemi-
cal...?

PEEK
 Peek

That's
theoretically
impossible.



You can just
mix these
chemicals
together.

"MAYBE
HELPING OUT
THE SCHOLARS
IS THE ONE
WAY I COULD
ACCOMPLISH
THAT."

SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE



Michel.

BUT
THAT WAS
NOTHING
MORE THAN
WISHFUL
THINKING.

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP



You really
are a
monster.



If we
can mass
produce this,
our country
can win the
war without
fighting a
single battle!

Can we really
move forward
in creating
such a devilish
invention?

No one
taught him
this, so it
must be
innate.

You only
know how
to create
poisons...

It's
just as his
father
said.

AKH!

I REALLY MUST
HAVE BEEN BORN
TO KILL AND BRING
MISFORTUNE...
JUST LIKE MY
FATHER SAID.

FWOOM



THE WAR
BEGAN. MY
FATHER AND
THE OTHERS
LOST THEIR
LIVES, AND THE
BLUEPRINTS
BURNED TO
ASH.

BUT
THANKS TO
MY FATHER'S
FAME, I WAS
WELCOME IN
COUNTRIES
THAT VALUED
SCHOLARSHIP.

I ALSO
LEARNED THAT
MY FATHER HAD
PUBLISHED
ALL OF MY
RESEARCH
UNDER HIS
NAME, BUT I
DIDN'T CARE.

THE
ONLY
THING
LEFT FOR
ME
WAS TO
PURSUE
MY
STUDIES.

IT WAS
FUN TO
LEARN ABOUT
WHATEVER
I WANTED.

THEN, WHEN
I INVENTED
GUNPOWDER,
I WAS
CONVINCED.



TO MAKE
PEOPLE
MISERABLE.

I WAS
BORN...

THIS
GUNPOWDER
WILL CAUSE
NOTHING BUT
SUFFERING,
JUST LIKE ME.



LOTS
OF LOW
BUILDINGS
AND A
STIFF
BREEZE...

THE
WEATHER,
HUMIDITY,
CLIMATE, AND
DENSITY OF
BUILDINGS ARE
ALL PERFECT FOR
ME TO BEGIN MY
EXPERIMENT.



WHEN A NEW
POISON IS
CREATED...

IT MUST
FULFILL ITS
PURPOSE
BY MAKING
PEOPLE
MISERABLE.

I'VE PLACED
THREE
BARRELS OF
GUNPOWDER
IN LOCATIONS
THAT MATCH
ALL OF THE
CRITERIA.

A REMOTE,
CLOCKWORK-
BASED DEVICE
WILL TRIGGER
THEM TO
EXPLODE
AT THE
DESIGNATED
TIME.

IT'S
ALMOST
6:00 P.M.

THEY
SHOULD
DO
PLENTY OF
DAMAGE.

HA
W
A
K



POISON
CAN MAKE
PEOPLE
HAPPY
TOO!



AND
NOT YOU,
EITHER!

NOT
STRANG-
ERS...

NO ONE
GETS TO
DECIDE A
PERSON'S
ROLE IN LIFE
FOR THEM.



NO
DOZ



TURN
H!

RISHE!
THE
SIGNAL!!



NO

YOU'RE
RIGHT.



TURN

LORD
LAWVINE...

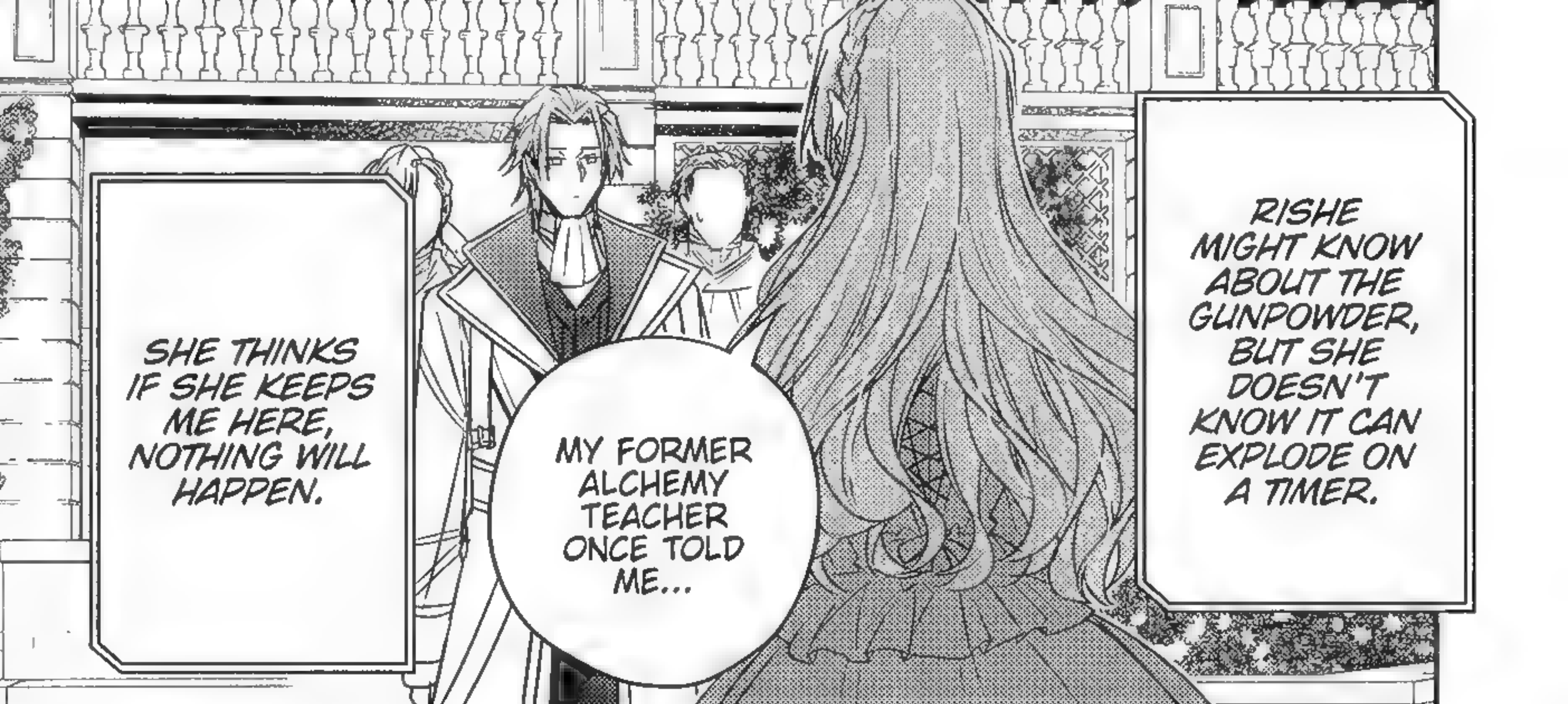
HE HASN'T
TOLD YOU
WHAT HE
PLANS TO
DO YET, AM I
CORRECT?



GOOD...

I DIDN'T
TELL THEM
IN CASE THE
EXPLOSION
FAILED.





SHE THINKS
IF SHE KEEPS
ME HERE,
NOTHING WILL
HAPPEN.

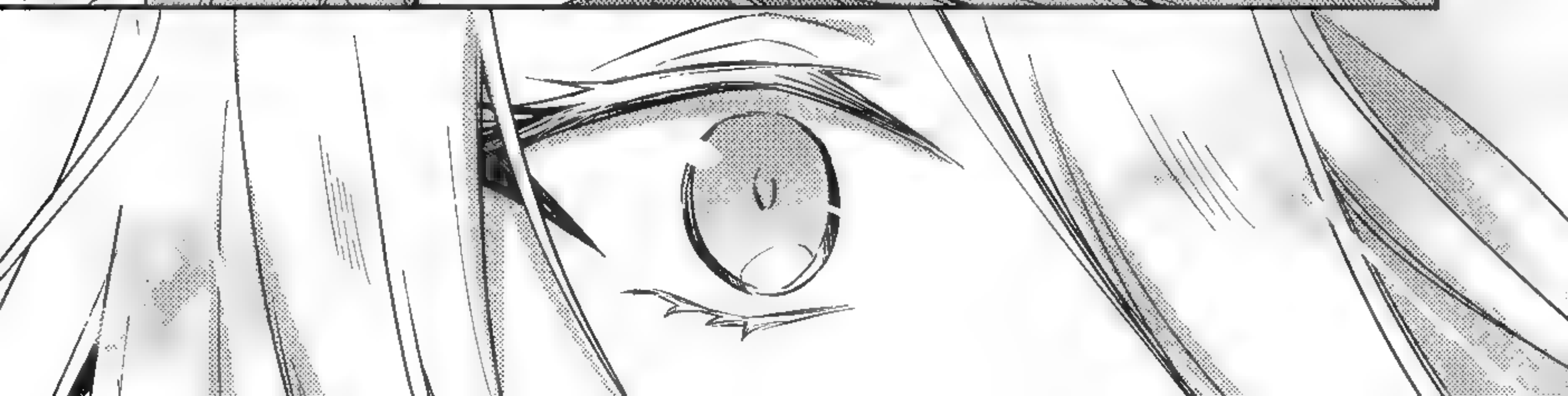
MY FORMER
ALCHEMY
TEACHER
ONCE TOLD
ME...

RISHE
MIGHT KNOW
ABOUT THE
GUNPOWDER,
BUT SHE
DOESN'T
KNOW IT CAN
EXPLODE ON
A TIMER.



"IF YOU DON'T
CONSIDER EVERY
VARIABLE, YOUR
EXPERIMENTS
WILL PROBABLY
FAIL."

SO...



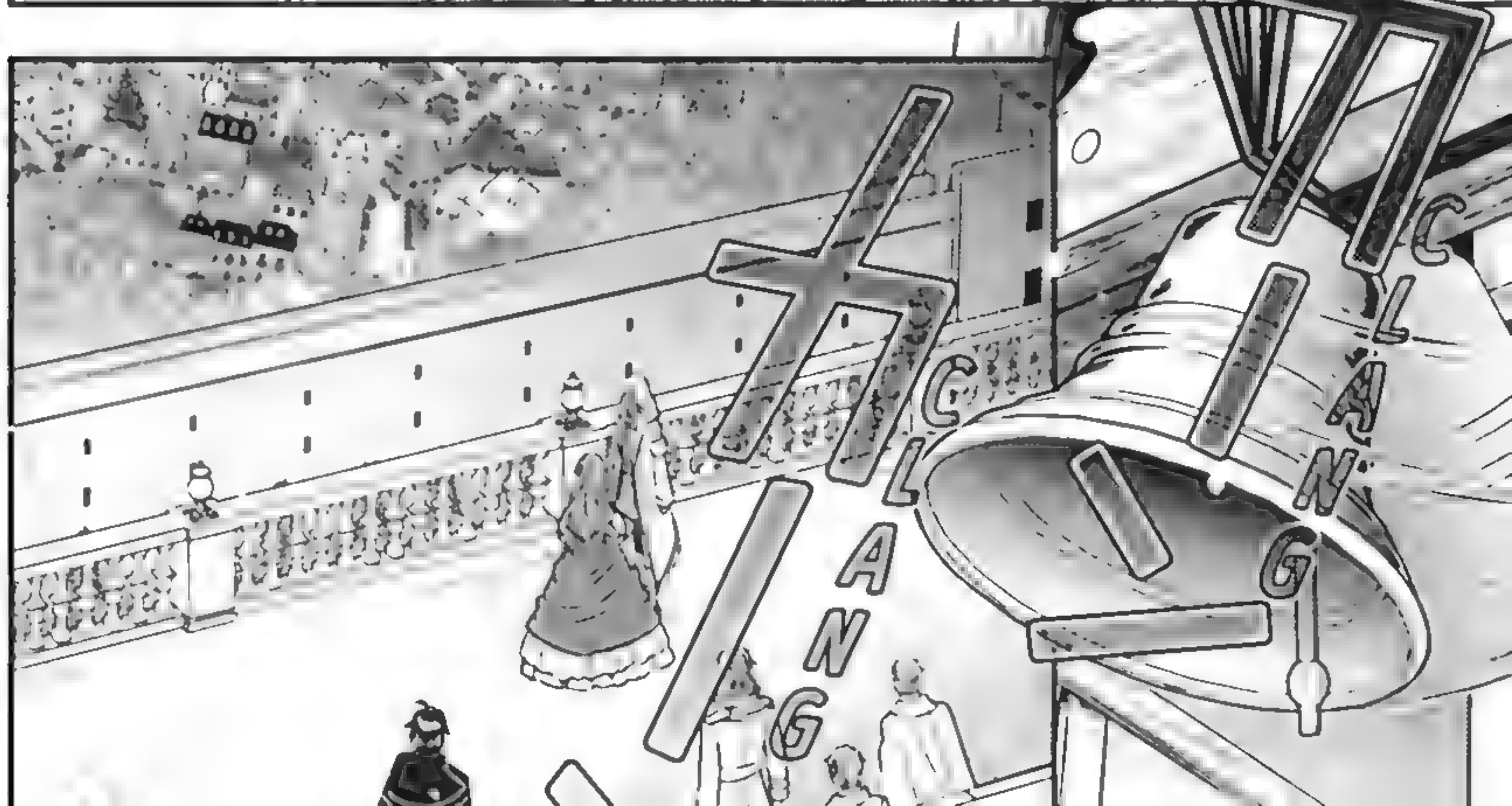


YOU HAD
NO WAY OF
CONSIDERING
EVERY
VARIABLE
INVOLVED IN
THIS MATTER,
INCLUDING
MYSELF.

NO
MATTER
HOW
BRILLIANT
OF AN
ALCHEMIST
YOU ARE...



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

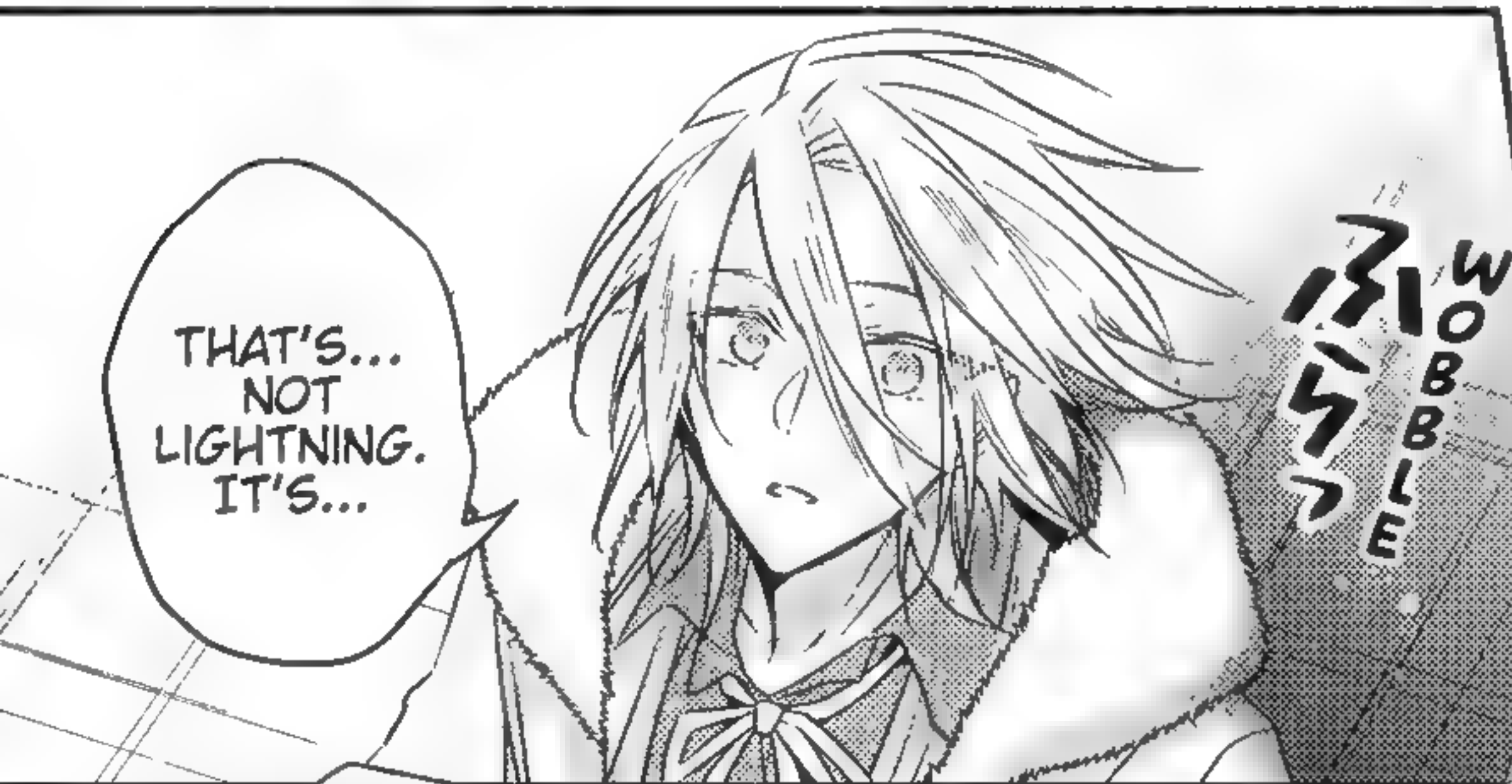




IT'S
FLYING
UP-
WARDS?



LIGHT-
NING?



THAT'S...
NOT
LIGHTNING.
IT'S...

BOBBLE
BOBBLE



YOUR
CREATIONS...

AREN'T
ONLY
MEANT
TO HARM
OTHERS.



WOW

CLANG

CLANG



BOOM





ONE
WENT OFF
SUCCESS-
FULLY...

PHEW...



Michel
Hévin isn't
our main
target.



I think
he plans to
install one
in three
locations
around
the city.

Even if
we lose him,
we can figure
out the location
of each device
using your agents
in the slums
and previously
gathered
intel.



These should be easier to deal with than the traps they usually disarm.

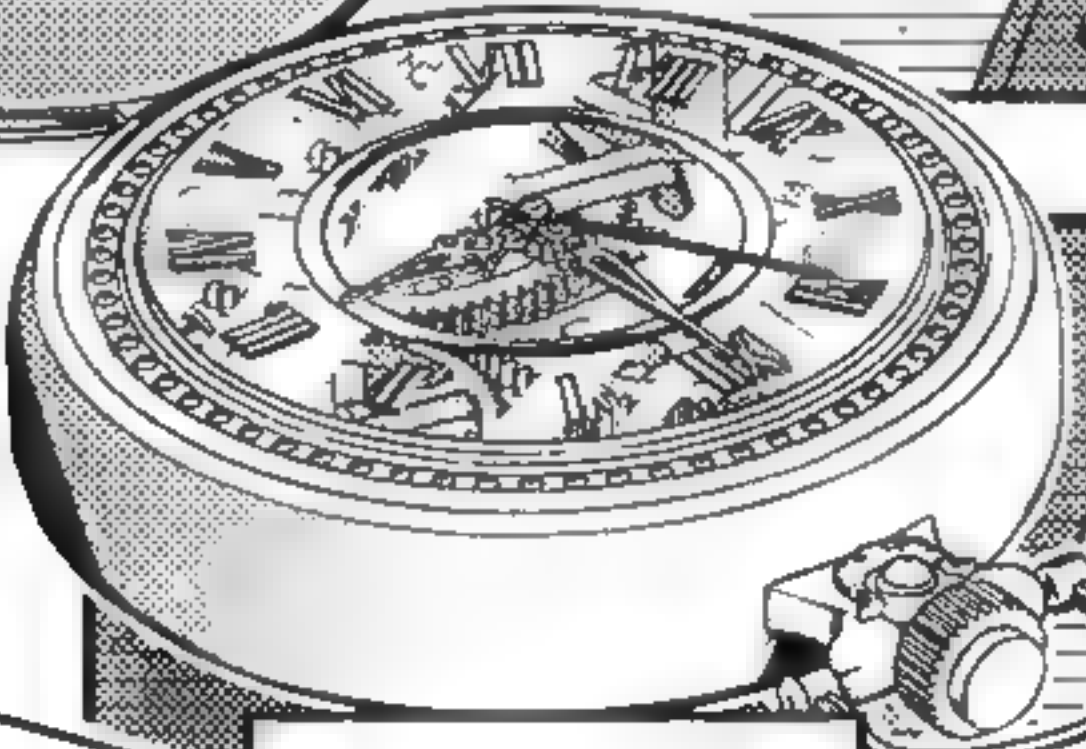
I'd like everyone in the area to be evacuated so the devices can be disarmed.

Once the devices pictured here have been found...

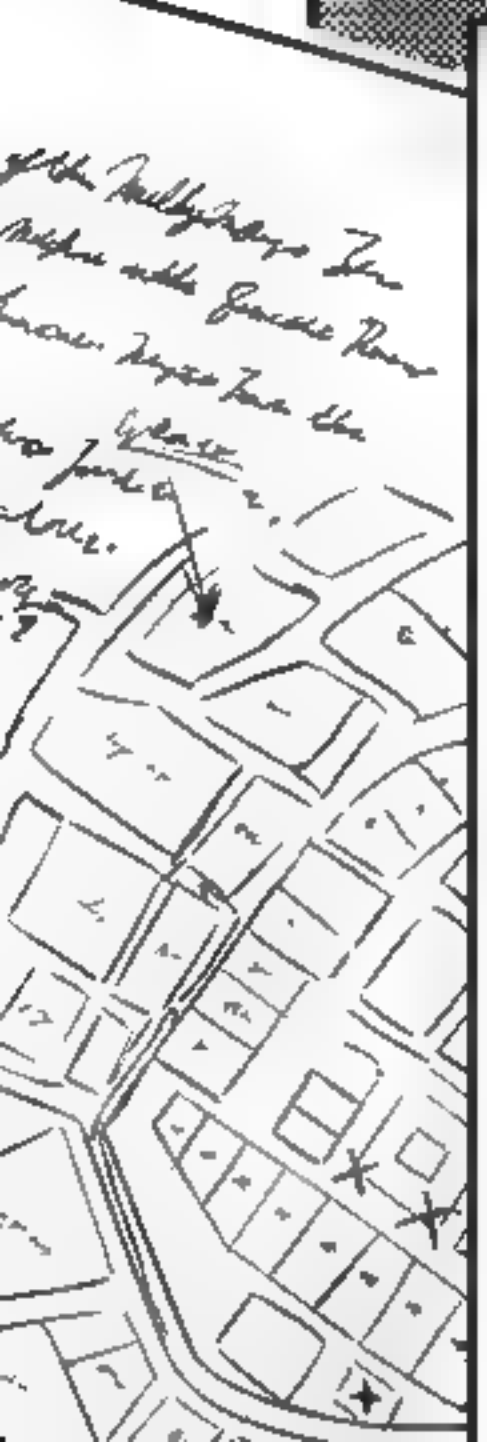
MICHEL'S INVENTIONS ARE PRECISE AND EASY TO USE.



Be careful, though. Messing up the order is dangerous.



Once it's been disarmed, connect it to this device.



THIS IS JUST LIKE THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENT I SAW DURING MY LIFE AS AN ALCHEMIST.

Don't push! No pushing!

Everyone, please clear the area!

It's here!



THOSE WERE...

NO MATTER HOW MANY LIFETIMES I REPEAT, I REMEMBER IT ALL.

HE WILL FOLLOW HIS PLAN PRECISELY TO MINIMIZE ANY VARIABLES.

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SQUEEZE

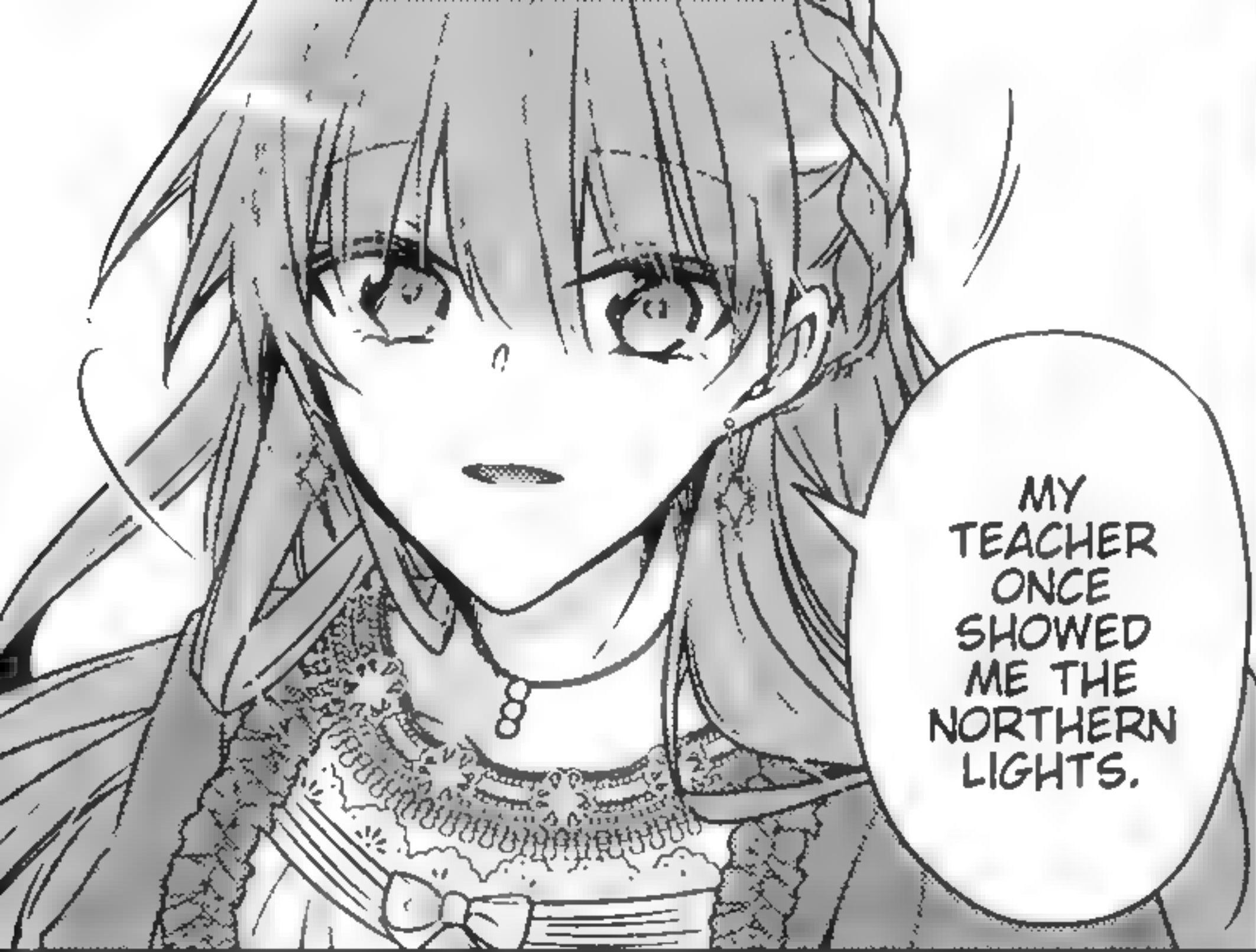


AN AERIAL EXPLOSION...

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

COLORFUL FLAMES...

THE SMELL OF GUNPOWDER...



MY
TEACHER
ONCE
SHOWED
ME THE
NORTHERN
LIGHTS.



AND THE
COLORS OF THE
AURORA GAVE
ME THE IDEA
FOR THE FLAME
REACTION TEST.

AT THE TIME,
I WAS TRYING
TO FIND A WAY
TO IDENTIFY
HARMFUL
METALS...



BUT
THAT
WASN'T
ALL.

I FIGURED
OUT A WAY
TO IDENTIFY
HARMFUL
METALS...

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THE BLUE
AND GREEN
FLAMES DO
RESEMBLE AN
AURORA.



BY LOOKING
AT THINGS
ANOTHER WAY,
I REALIZED
I'D ALSO
DISCOVERED
A WAY TO
COLOR
FLAMES.



TO
GET PRINCE
ARNOLD
TO ACCEPT
COYOLLES...

A SINGLE
THING CAN
HAVE MANY
ROLES.

FLOATING
LIGHTS IN THE
DARKNESS CAN
EVOKE EITHER
THE TORCHES
OF WAR OR
THE GLOW OF
FIREFLIES...

TO STOP
MICHEL...





HUMANS
ARE LIKE
THAT TOO,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

I NEED TO
MAKE THEM
SEE THE VALUE
IN THINGS
THEY DEEM
WORTHLESS.



MY
TEACHER
IS AN
ALCHEMIST.



WHY?

YOU CREATED
THIS JUST TO
PROVE THAT
TO ME?

HE WILL
ONLY ACCEPT
PROOF IF HE
SEES IT WITH
HIS OWN EYES.



I think
it's wrong
for you to
decide who
becomes
happy.

BECAUSE...

It's not
like you to
assume
that there's
no other
purpose for
it than to
cause misery.

**EVEN IF HE
DOESN'T
KNOW...**

**I AM YOUR
STUDENT.**

**EVEN IF
THE WORLD
REWINDS
AGAIN...**

what
kind of
scholar
you'll be-
come.

I'll show
you
anything
you want
to see.

If there's
something
you don't
know, I will
do my best
to teach
you.



IF
YOU KEEP
THINK-
ING THEY
WERE MADE
TO CAUSE
GRIEF...

YOUR
EXISTENCE,
YOUR INVEN-
TIONS...

THEN I WILL
KEEP PROVING
YOU WRONG.

AS LONG AS
I HAVE MY
MEMORIES,
THAT WILL
ALWAYS BE
TRUE.

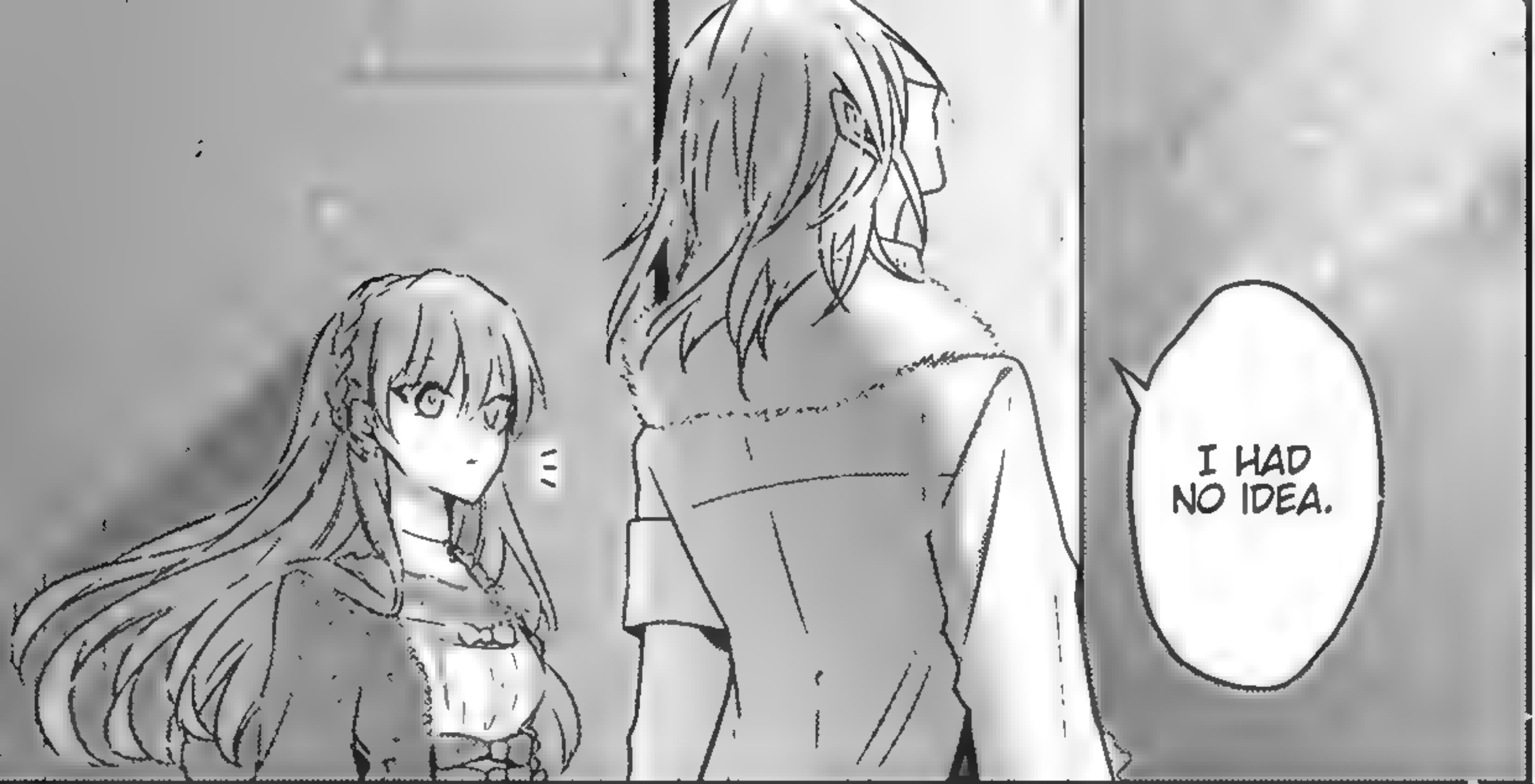


"FAREWELL,
MY
APPRENTICE.

"I HOPE YOU
LIVE YOUR LIFE
THE WAY IT IS
MEANT TO BE
LIVED."







I HAD
NO IDEA.



I DIDN'T
KNOW THEY
COULD BE
USED LIKE
THIS.

WHILE I
KNEW HOW
TO CHANGE
THE COLORS
OF A FLAME
AND HOW TO
MAKE GUN-
POWDER...



NO.

YOU'RE
AMAZING.



YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING,
RISHE.



AND I HAVE
FAITH YOU
WILL CREATE
MANY MORE
AMAZING
INVENTIONS IN
THE FUTURE.

YOU'RE
THE
SMARTEST
PERSON
IN THE
WORLD.



BUT I
SEE.



YOU
ALWAYS
SAY SUCH
STRANGE
THINGS.

HEH!
30



COULD BE
TRANSFORMED
INTO SOMETHING
SO BEAUTIFUL...

TO
THINK...
SOME-
THING I
CREAT-
ED...





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WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
LAWVINE?

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PRINCE
ARNOLD?!

SWSH!!

JOLT

JOLT



PRINCE
KYLE TOO?



DASH
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MICHEL!!

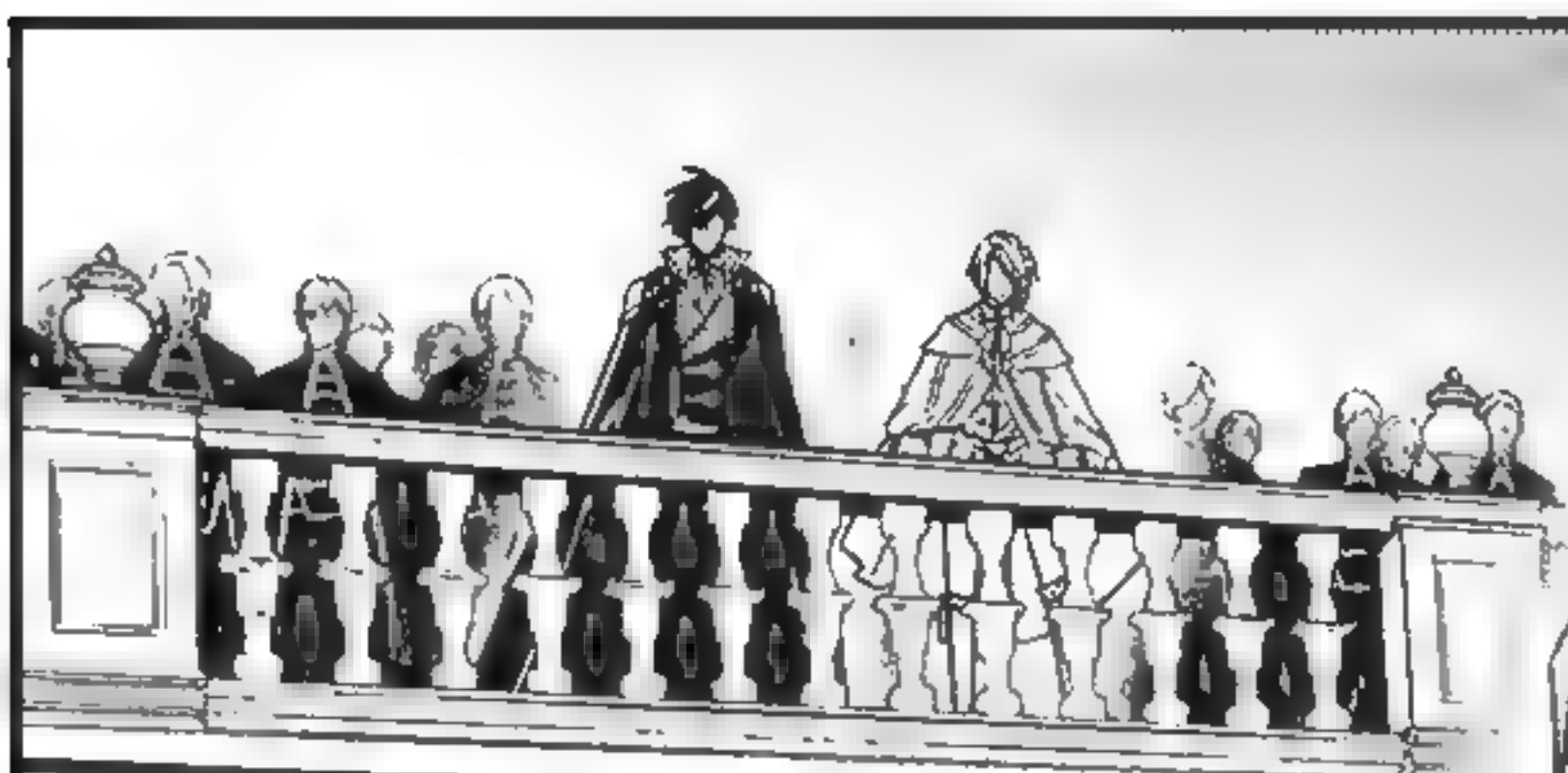
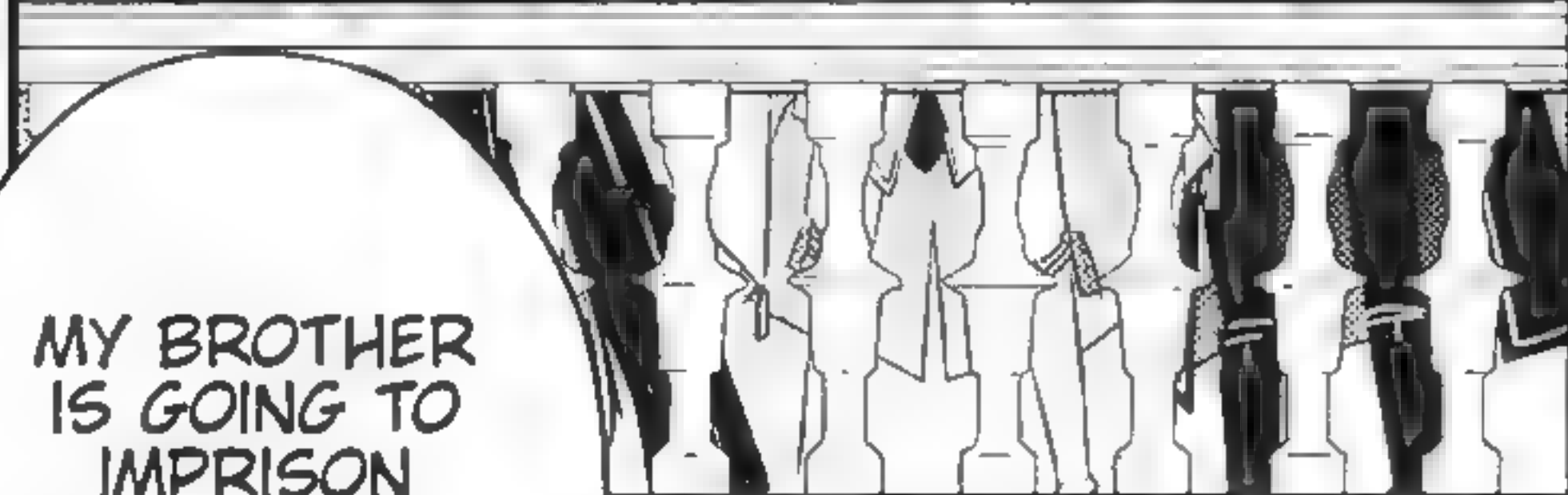


MY
APOLOGIES,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS.



THIS
SCHOLAR
PROVED
HIMSELF TO BE
A DANGER, SO
WE'VE TAKEN
HIM INTO
CUSTODY.







I SEE.
WHILE I UNDER-
STAND
WHAT HAS HAP-
PENED...

I BE-
LIEVE...



WE CON-
SIDERED IT
A DIRECT
THREAT TO
THE ROYAL
FAMILY.



MY FIANCÉE
MENTIONED SHE
WAS GOING
TO CLEAR UP
SOME KIND OF
MISCONCEPTION,
CORRECT?



!





WHY
ARE THEY
DEMONSTRAT-
ING THE
TECHNOLOGY
OF COYOLLES
TO US?

THEN,
TELL ME...

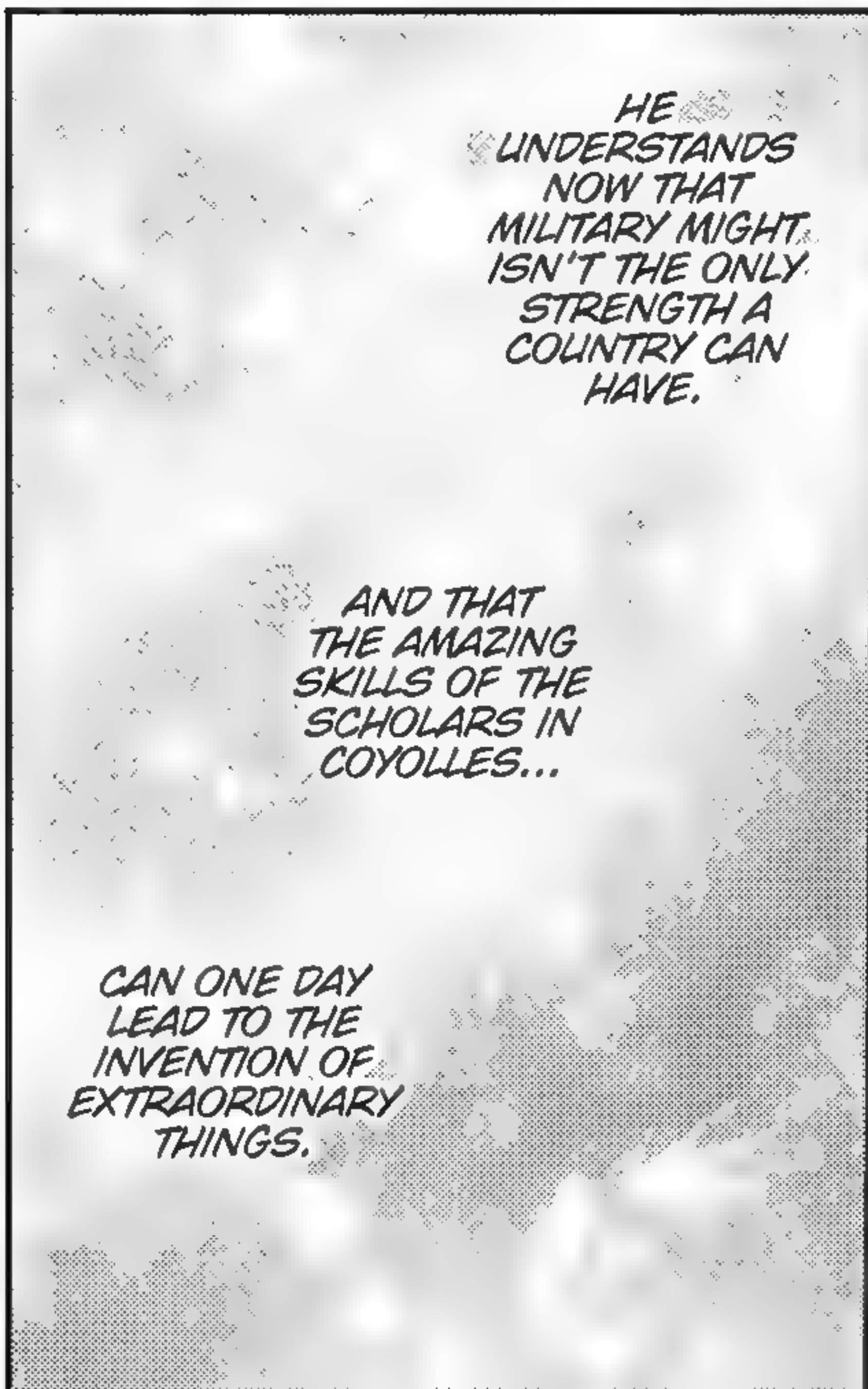
IS HE
REALLY...?



OUR
TECHNOLOGICAL
PARTNERSHIP
WITH COYOLLES
BEGINS.

FROM
THIS DAY
FORWARD
...

!!



HE UNDERSTANDS
NOW THAT
MILITARY MIGHT
ISN'T THE ONLY
STRENGTH A
COUNTRY CAN
HAVE.

AND THAT
THE AMAZING
SKILLS OF THE
SCHOLARS IN
COYOLLES...

CAN ONE DAY
LEAD TO THE
INVENTION OF
EXTRAORDINARY
THINGS.





ABOVE
ALL...

THIS
PROVES THAT
GALKHEIN
CAN ALLY WITH
ANOTHER
COUNTRY
WITHOUT
INVADING
THEM.



PRINCE
ARNOLD...

DO NOT
ALLOW SUCH
TRIFLING
MATTERS
TO STAND IN
THE WAY OF
OUR GOAL
HERE.

THAT FIERY
DISPLAY EARLIER
PROVED THAT
COYOLLES HAS
ACCESS TO
TECHNOLOGY
THAT IS YET
UNKNOWN
TO US.

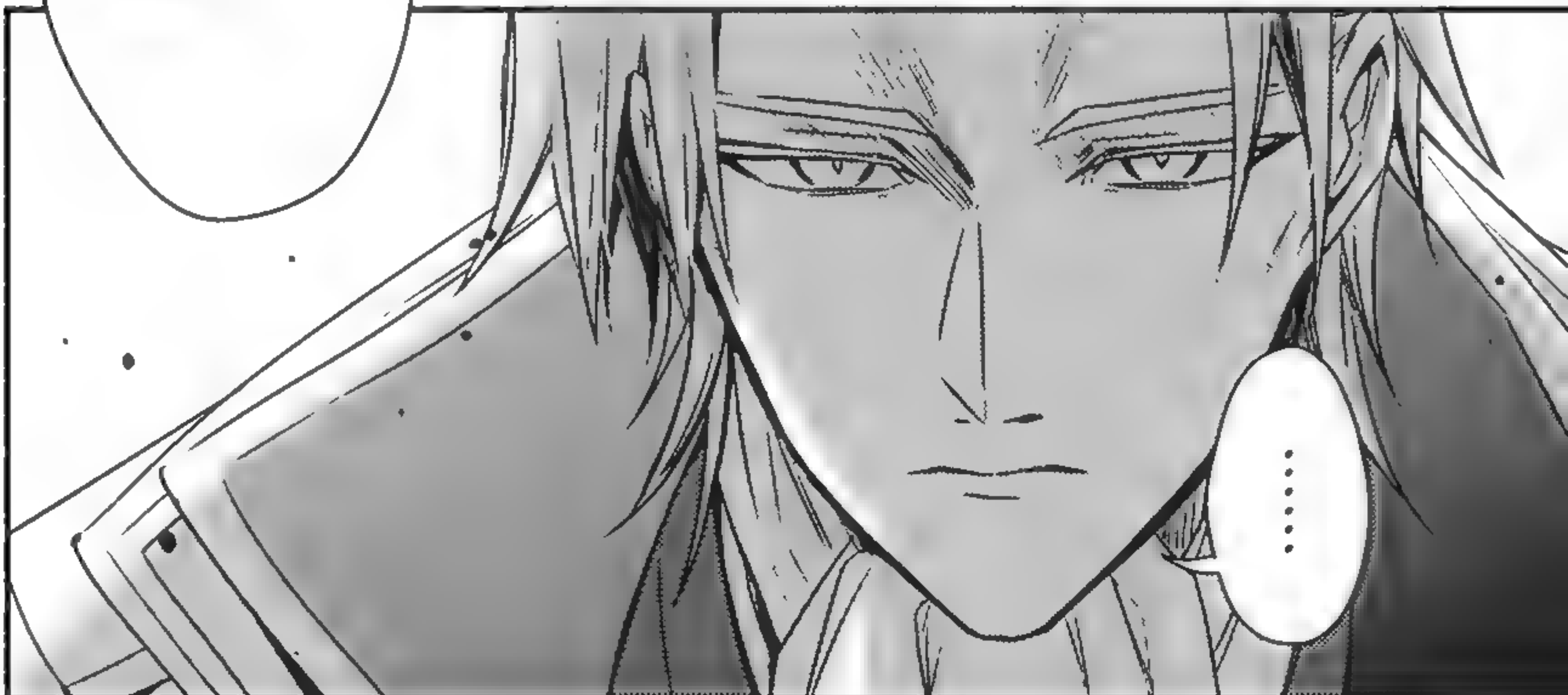
I WOULD
LIKE TO
START BY
LETTING THEM
BORROW
OUR ROYAL
GUARD.

IN
EXCHANGE
FOR OUR
MILITARY
PROTECTION,
THEY WILL
SHARE THEIR
KNOWLEDGE.



IF YOU
MAKE EVEN
MORE OF A
FUSS...

MY FATHER
WILL HEAR
ABOUT IT.



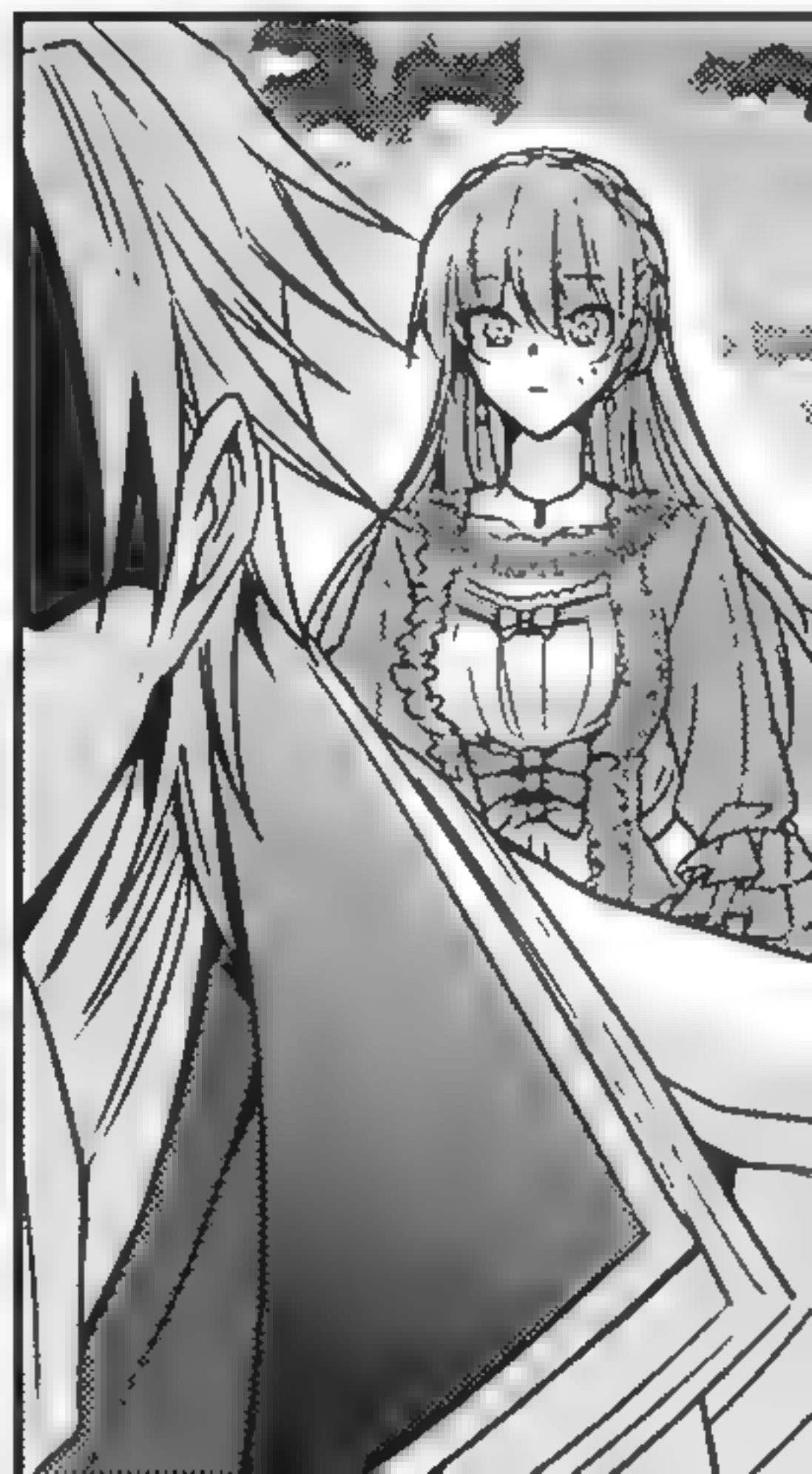
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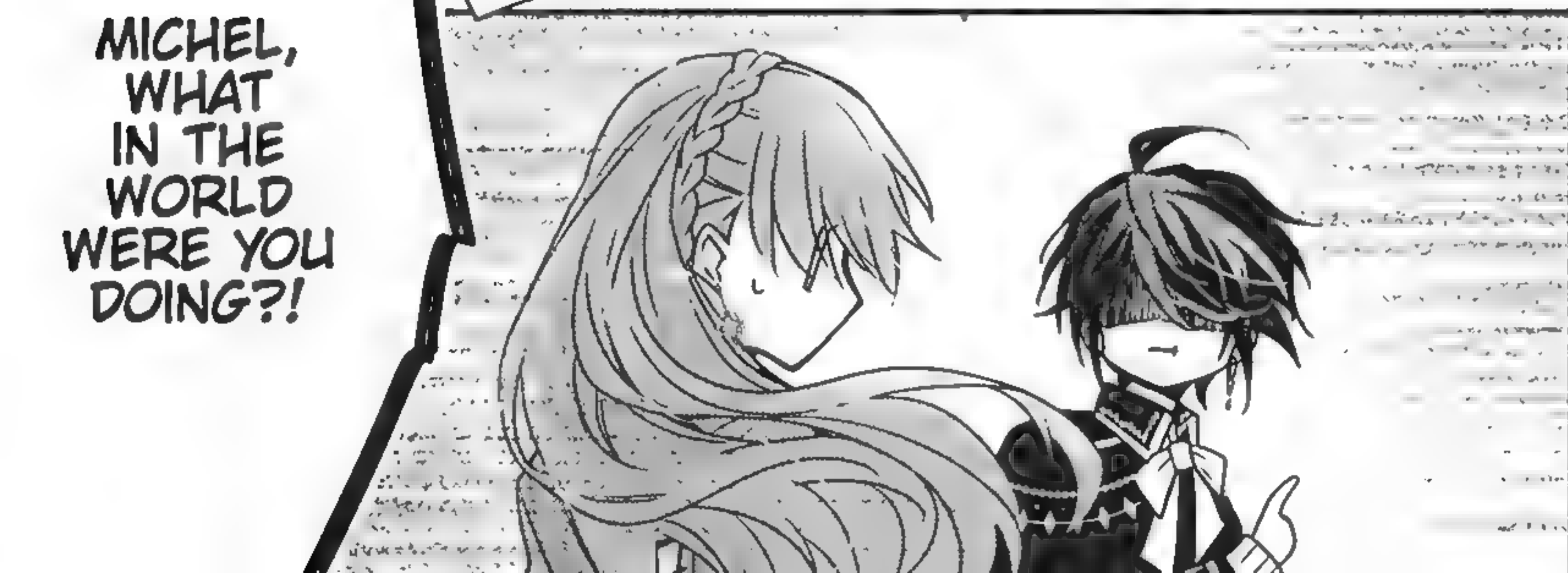


PRINCE KYLE,
I APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
DISRESPECT
I HAVE
SHOWN.

NO
NEED.

I'M SORRY
FOR ALL
THE CONFUSION
MICHEL
STIRRED UP.







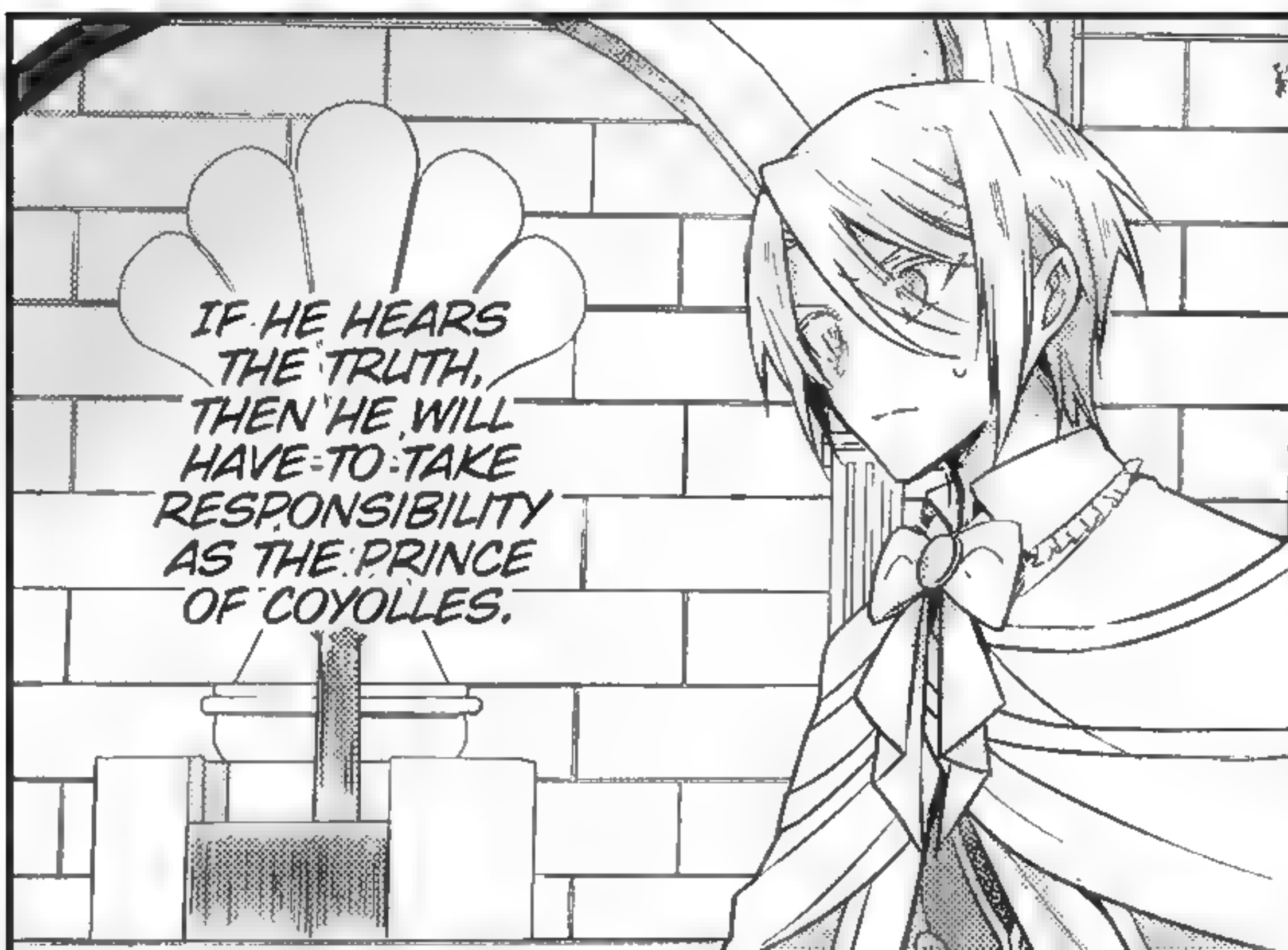
SIR
HÉVIN.



IF YOU
WERE THAT
SET ON
SHOWING
OFF WHAT
OUR SCHOL-
ARS ARE
CAPABLE
OF...

YOU
COULD'VE
FOUND A
WAY TO DO
IT WITHOUT
CAUSING
SUCH A
PANIC!

NO,
KYLE...



IF HE HEARS
THE TRUTH,
THEN HE WILL
HAVE TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
AS THE PRINCE
OF COYOLLES.



PRINCE KYLE
DOESN'T
KNOW ABOUT
MICHEL'S PLAN.







BUT IF WE TREAT HIM LIKE A CRIMINAL, MY FATHER WILL HEAR ABOUT IT.

IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE'D PLANNED TO DO SOMETHING TERRIBLE.



DON'T EXPECT ME TO BE SO KIND.

STEP



EVEN THOUGH HIS PLANS WERE THWARTED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A MAJOR CRIME...

HOW YOU WISH TO DEAL WITH HIM MOVING FORWARD IS IN YOUR HANDS.

THANK YOU!

TO AVOID THAT, I MADE USE OF YOUR PLAN.



HE SHOULD'VE GOTTEN ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION.

HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME!!

NEVER MIND THAT YOU EVEN DRAGGED THEODORE INTO THIS JUST SO YOU COULD KEEP THAT MAN AWAY FROM ME.

HOW ADMIRABLE OF YOU.



THE
FACT THAT
THEY WERE
ALREADY
PREPARED
MEANT HE WAS
READY FOR A
FIGHT.

THERE'S NO
WAY HE WAS
GOING TO LEND
THEM THE
ROYAL GUARD
BEFORE THE
NEGOTIATIONS
TOOK PLACE.

WISH
LIVE
OR



DOES THIS
MEAN THE
LOYAL LORD
LAWVINE DIDN'T
REPORT THIS
INCIDENT TO
THE EMPEROR?

BUT PRINCE
ARNOLD SAID
HIS FATHER
HADN'T
HEARD A
THING ABOUT
THIS.

We
answer
only to His
Majesty
the
Emperor.

ON
TOP OF
THAT...

LORD LAWVINE
USED THE
EMPEROR AS
HIS REASON
FOR WHY HE
COULDN'T
OBEY PRINCE
THEODORE'S
COMMANDS.

If you
make even
more of a
fuss, my
father
will hear
about it.



A GLANCE

HE IS
ACCUSED
OF
TREASON
AND
KILLED.

The
courageous
of
in,
t
ars
e!

He
reprimands
Emperor
Arnold
and is
slaughtered
as a
criminal.

IN THE
FUTURE,
BECAUSE
LORD LAWVINE
REPRIMANDS
PRINCE
ARNOLD...



WHAT'S
WRONG...?



THE IDEA
WASN'T TO
HIDE THE
EXISTENCE OF
GUNPOWDER...

I TOOK
ADVANTAGE
OF HIS
PLANS.

I
COMMITTED
THE SAME
CRIME AS
MICHEL.

COULD ALSO
BE USED
TO CREATE
SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL.

BUT I
WANTED TO
SHOW THAT
A SUBSTANCE
AS DANGER-
OUS AS
THAT...

BUT TO
BELIEVE IN
ITS POTENTIAL
AND REVEAL
IT.

IT MAY OPEN
UP SOME NEW
POSSIBILITIES
FOR YOU.

I THOUGHT
IF YOU KNEW
THAT...



BUT I WILL
PROVE TO
YOU THAT IS
NOT TRUE.



THAT'S
WHAT
I WAS
HOPING,
ANYWAY.

I'M NOT JUST
SPEAKING OF
HOW TO USE
GUNPOWDER OR
THE SKILLS OF
THE PEOPLE OF
COYOLLES...



MAYBE
YOU
STILL
THINK...

THAT YOUR
TALENTS ARE
ONLY USEFUL
FOR WAR...

BUT OF
PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
FUTURE AS
WELL.



I WILL
NAME THIS
CREATION
"FIRE-
WORKS."

IT IS MY HOPE
THAT ANYONE
WHO SEES THEM
WILL THINK
WELL OF THE
SKILLS OF THE
SCHOLARS OF
COYOLLES!



THAT WAS
JUST THE
FIRST STEP.



HEH
HEH!

I AM
CERTAIN
THEY
WILL.



I WANT TO
KEEP MAKING
SMALL
CHANGES LIKE
THIS AND AIM
FOR A BETTER
FUTURE!



I WISH
I COULD
REMOVE MY
HEAD AND
GIVE YOU
ALL THE
INFORMATION
INSIDE IT.



I'M SUR-
PRISED
YOU KNOW
THAT.

THANKS.



INSPIRATION
IS BORN OF
NEW EXPERI-
ENCES, NOT
EXISTING
KNOWLEDGE,
RIGHT?

THAT
WOULD BE
MEANING-
LESS.

UNDER
TEMPORARY
HOUSE ARREST.



HAVING ME
LEAD A JOINT
RESEARCH TEAM
OF SCHOLARS
FROM THE TWO
COUNTRIES SO
THAT WE CAN
DEVELOP TECH-
NOLOGY THAT
BENEFITS THE
WORLD...

I
THINK HE'S
BEING TOO
LENIENT...



I DO THINK
I'LL HAVE
TO WORK
HARDER.

HMM...

IT WOULD BE
TOO MUCH
PRESSURE
FOR A NORMAL
PERSON.

YOU'RE
BEING ASKED
TO CON-
SISTENTLY
PRODUCE
THE BEST
RESULTS.

IT'S AN
ENORMOUS
PUNISH-
MENT, IF
ANYTHING!



I WAS WRONG
TO SAY THAT
YOU AREN'T
FIT TO BE A
PRINCESS.

I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
THAT
BEFORE!!

HE'S TRYING
TO WORK
HARDER!!



NOT SO. I
THINK YOU
SUIT THE
ROLE JUST
FINE.

IT'S A
SHAME,
THOUGH.



YOU'RE NOT
REALLY
WRONG.



NO, I
WON'T.



WON'T YOU
REGRET
IT? A LIFE
AS ARNOLD
HEIN'S
BRIDE?



IS MORE
ABOUT THE
MAN WHO
WILL BE MY
HUSBAND.

THE THING I
WISH TO KNOW
THE MOST...





UNTIL
NEXT
TIME...

MY
APPREN-
TICE.

.....
!



HEARING HIM
SAY THAT HE'LL
BE SEEING ME
AGAIN...

THOSE
WERE
THE
WORDS
HE SAID
TO ME IN
MY LIFE
AS AN
ALCHE-
MIST.



"FAREWELL, MY
APPRENTICE."



"I HOPE
YOU LIVE YOUR
LIFE THE WAY
IT IS MEANT
TO BE LIVED."

YES, SIR!

IS A
WELCOME
CHANGE
FROM THE
LAST TIME
WE PARTED.





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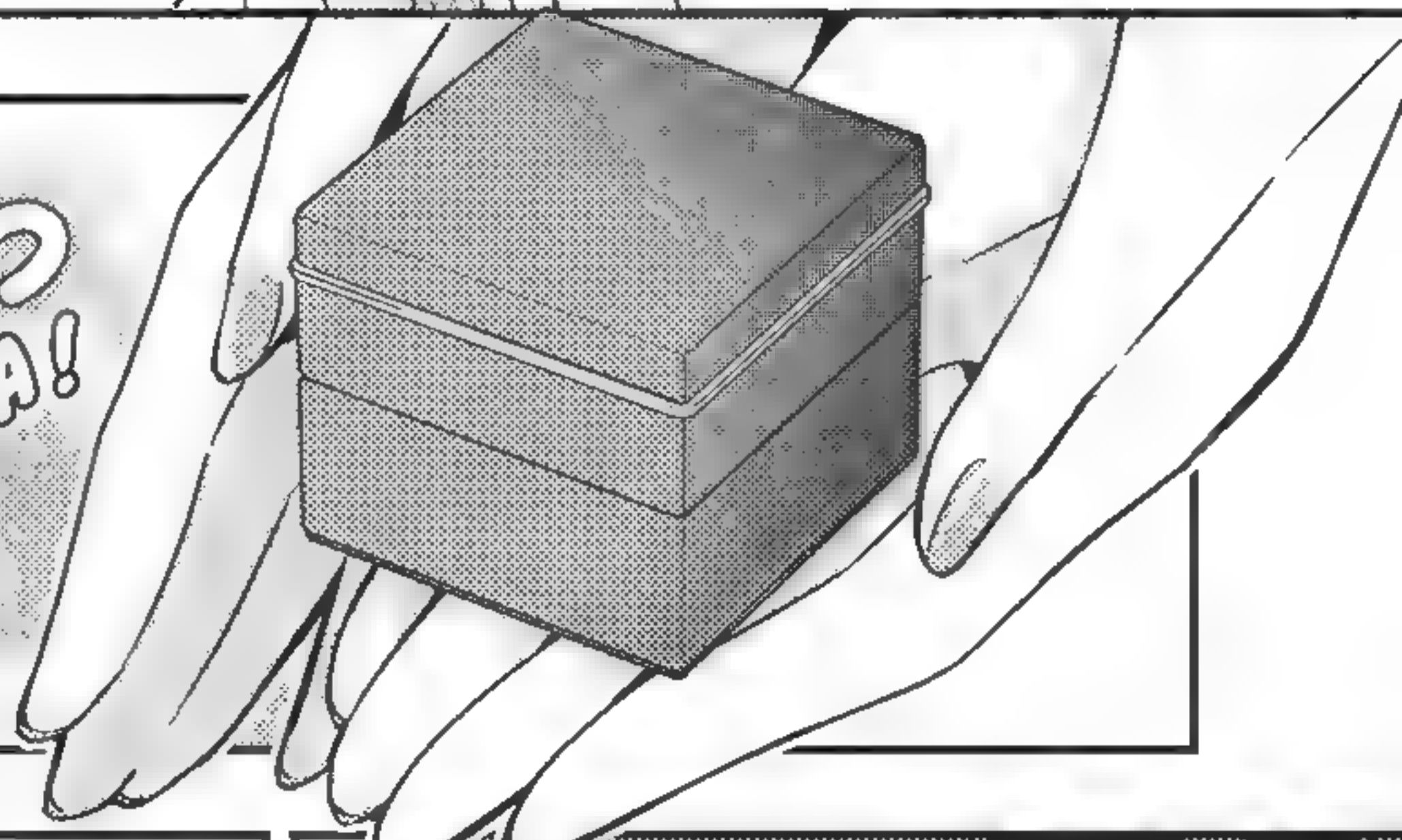
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TA-DA!







TURN 120

THROB

THROB

THROB

IT'S SAD...

AND SOMEWHAT LONELY.

WHAT DO...

YOU MEAN...?

THROB

THROB

NORMALLY...

I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY ENJOYING WHAT I LIKE WITHOUT THE AFFIRMATION OF OTHERS.

WHAT IS...

THIS FEELING?



I HAVE
NO
RIGHT...

TO
ASK FOR
ANYTHING
MORE.

MY ONLY
REQUEST
WAS THAT YOU
ALLOW ME
TO GIVE IT
TO YOU.



JUST BECAUSE
I GAVE YOU
THIS RING
DOESN'T MEAN
YOU HAVE TO
WEAR IT.

HUH...?



WEAR WHAT
YOU LIKE. DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
WHAT ANYONE
ELSE THINKS.



PRINCE ARNOLD
ALWAYS
RESPECTS MY
WISHES...



I WAS TAUGHT
THAT THERE
WERE MORE
IMPORTANT
THINGS THAN
WHAT I LIKED.

LIKE HOW
TO BEHAVE
CORRECTLY
AS A CROWN
PRINCESS.



GRANTS

I'M
ALREADY
GETTING
MORE
THAN I
DESERVE.

AND GRANTS
ME ALL THE
FREEDOM THAT
I ASK FOR.

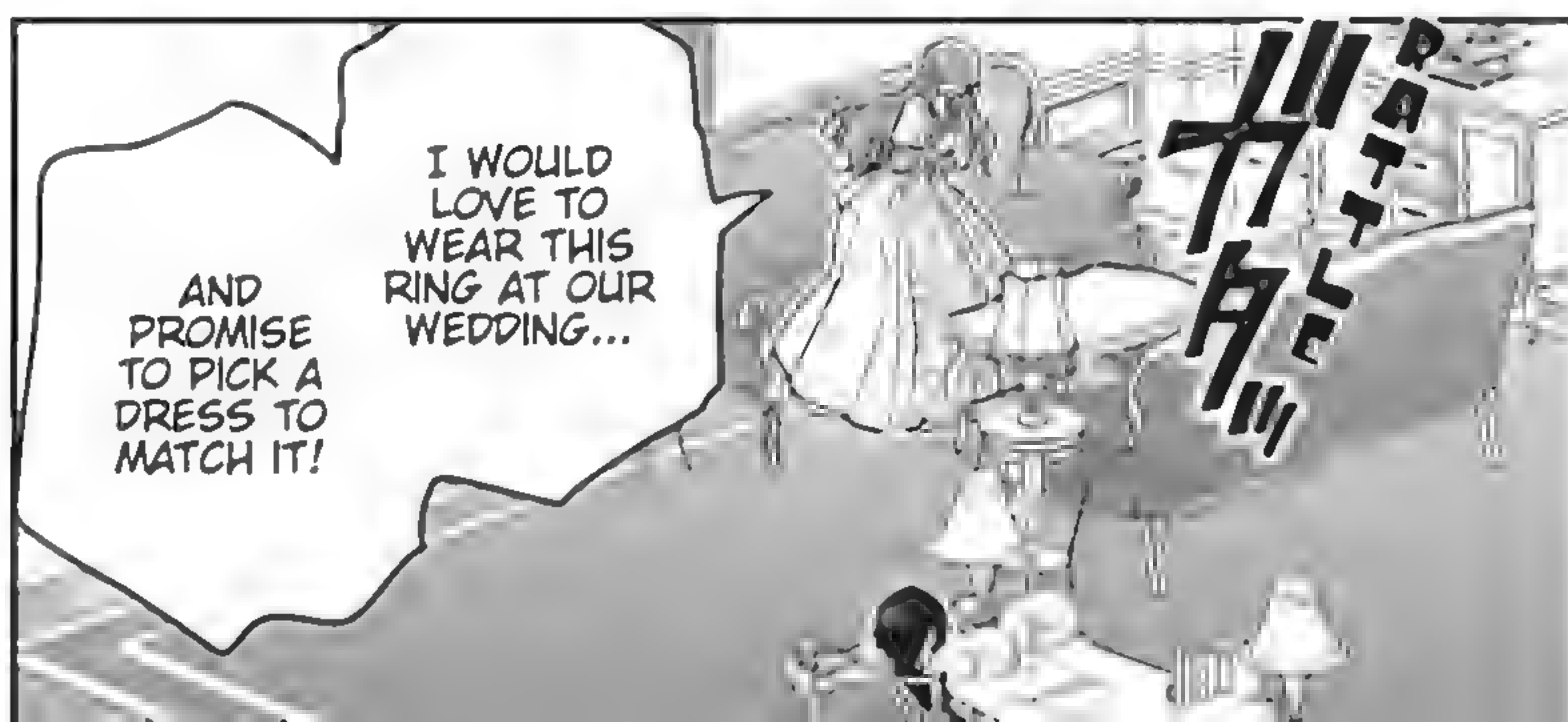


WHAT?



I KNOW
THAT, AND
YET...

NO...
I WANT
TO WEAR
IT.





PRINCE
ARNOLD
REQUESTS
VERY LITTLE
OF ME.



adorn
your
finger.

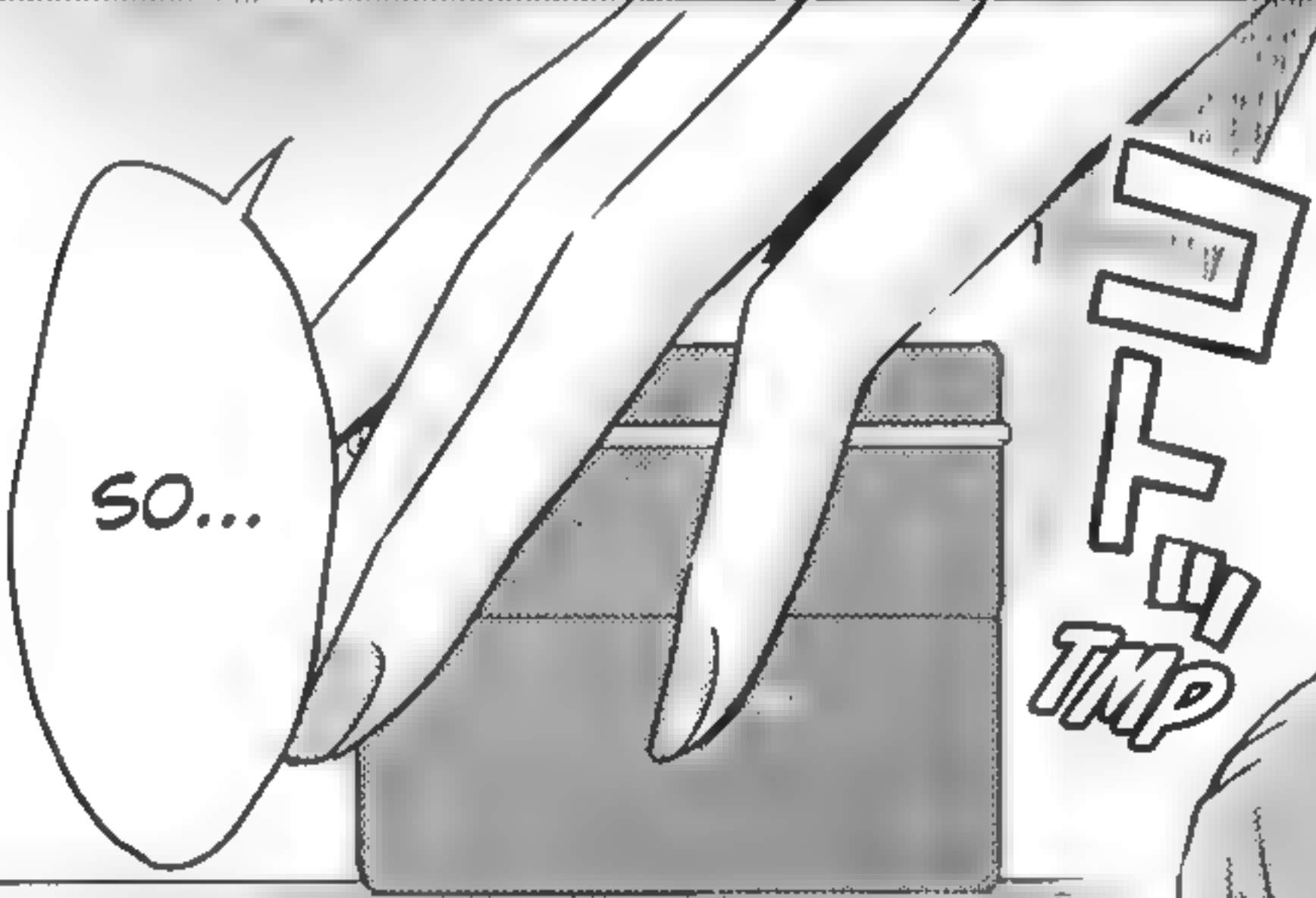


I'd
enjoy
...

seeing a
piece of
jewelry
I gave
you...



I WANT TO
WEAR THIS
RING.



SO...

AND I WANT
HIM TO SEE
ME WEAR IT.



PLEASE
PUT THE
RING ON
ME.







IS HOW THE
ROYALTY OF
GALKHEIN
PROPOSES.

KISSING
SOMEONE'S
HAND WHILE
KNEELING...

OH
...







HE'S
LAUGHING!!

HEH...!

I'M NOT
HOLDING IT.
I'VE JUST
FORGOT-
TEN HOW TO
BREATHE.

STOP
HOLD-
ING YOUR
BREATH.



SLIDE

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-
DUMP



IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL.

WOW...

LIFT

AND
CLITE,
TOO.

A DEEP
BLUE AS
BEAUTIFUL AS
A CLEAR,
FROZEN
OCEAN.



IT
REALLY IS
THE SAME
COLOR AS
YOUR EYES.

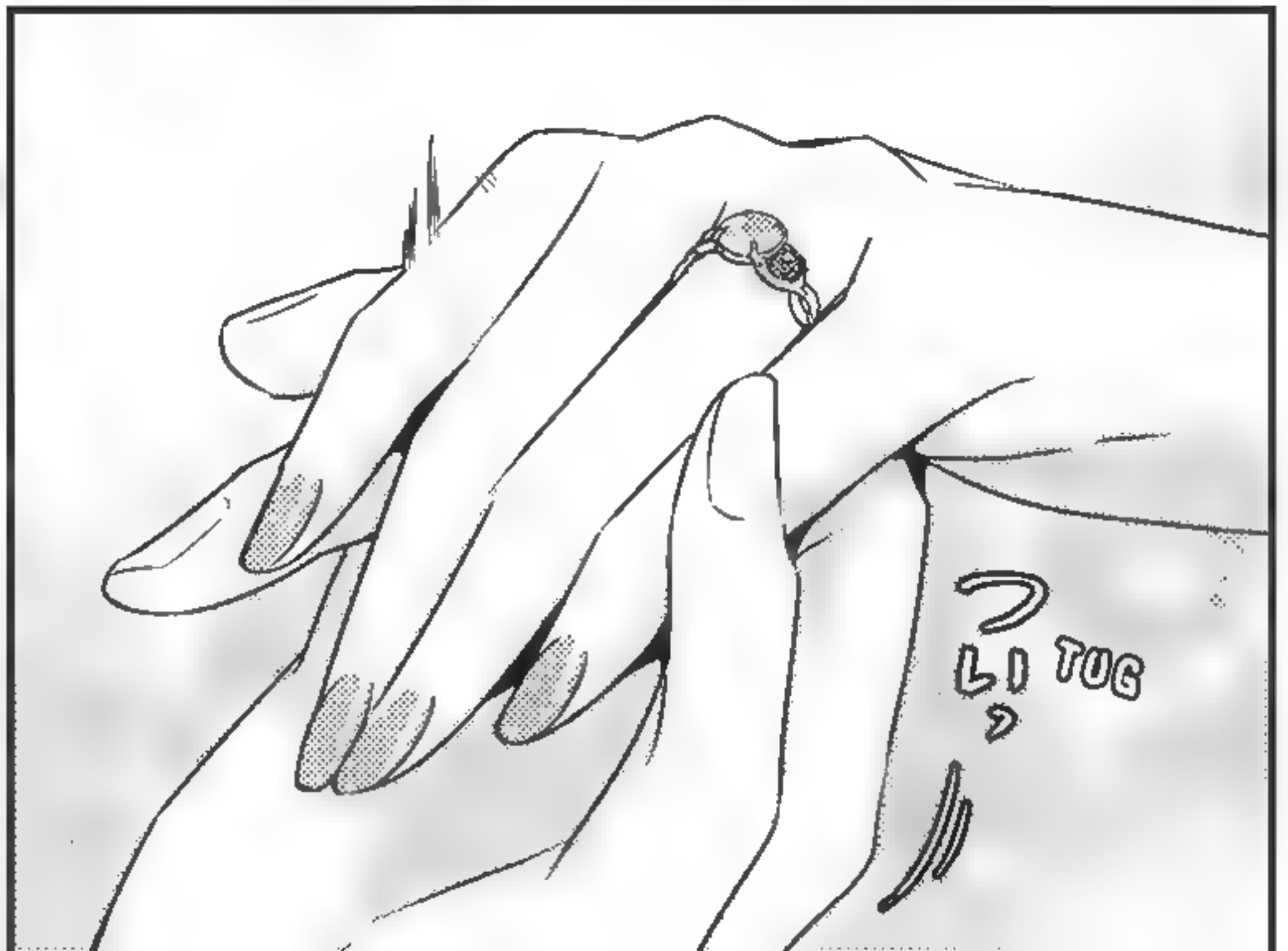


WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS?

YEAH.

WEARING
THIS, I
FEEL LIKE
I COULD DO
ANYTHING.

STIFF
うんうん



TOG
うんうん



IT
FEELS EVEN
BETTER THAN
I EXPECTED.

CLENCH

ME TOO...

WHEN I SEE YOU SMILE-LIKE-THAT...

IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY...

ソクメン

THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO REQUEST FROM YOU.

I THINK I COULD CRY.

CLENCH

ME TOO...

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IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY...

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サッパリッ

THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO REQUEST FROM YOU.

I THINK I COULD CRY.



TO SEE ALL
THE BEAUTY
THIS WORLD
HAS TO
OFFER.



grit

TELL
ME.

I'M
CONVINCED
I WOULD DO
ANYTHING
YOU ASKED
RIGHT NOW.

...



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TRAVEL?

SOME-
DAY...

I WOULD
LIKE TO
TRAVEL
WITH YOU.

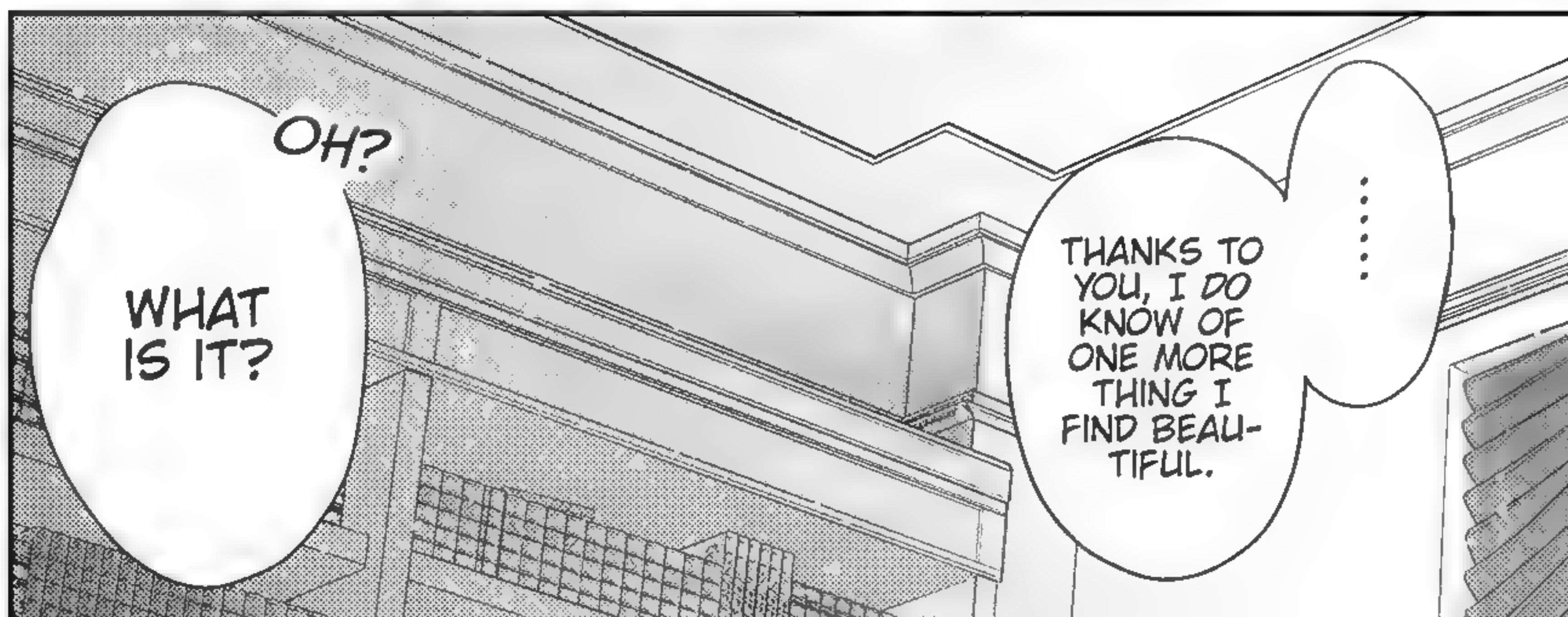
YES.



I WANT TO
DISCOVER MORE
THINGS...

THAT
YOU FIND
BEAUTIFUL.

NOT JUST
FIREFLIES
AND FIRE-
WORKS.



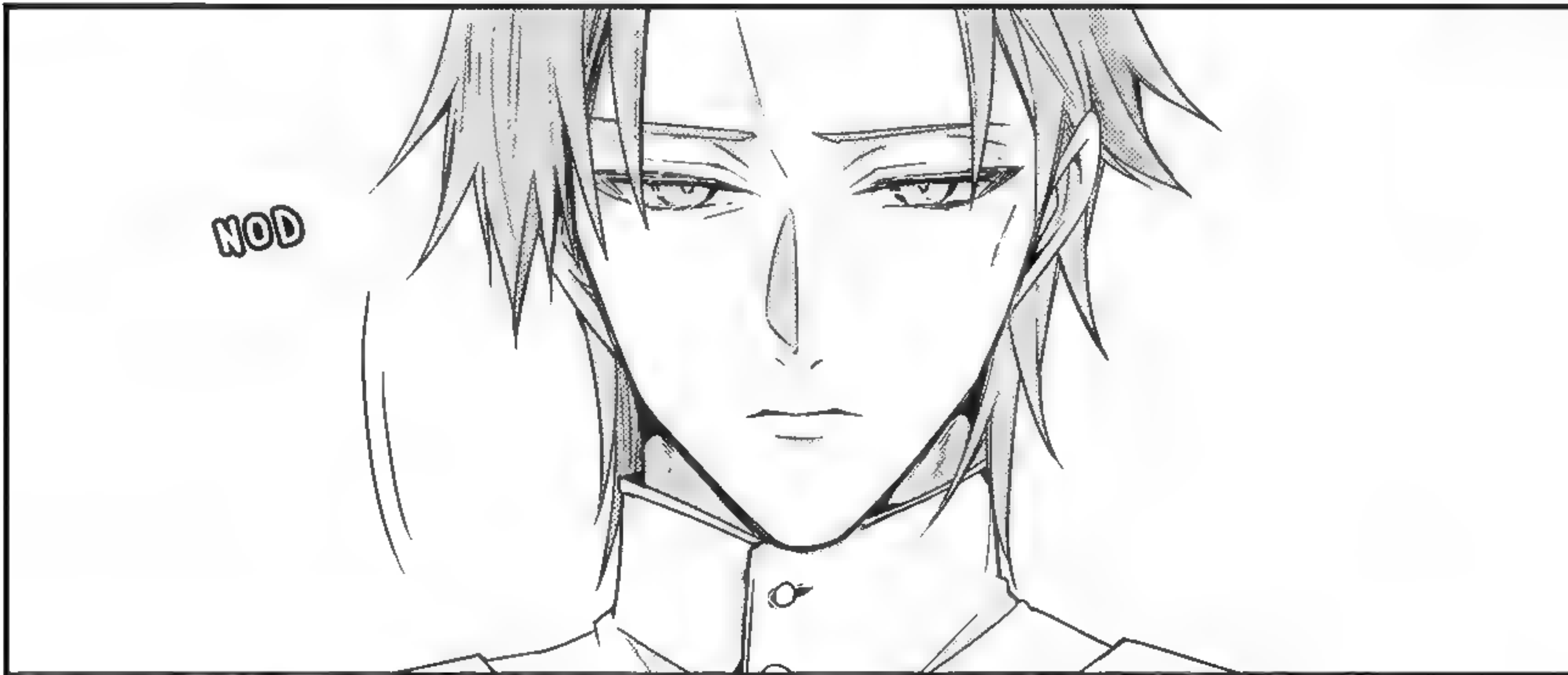
WHAT
IS IT?

OH?

THANKS TO
YOU, I DO
KNOW OF
ONE MORE
THING I
FIND BEAU-
TIFUL.

...



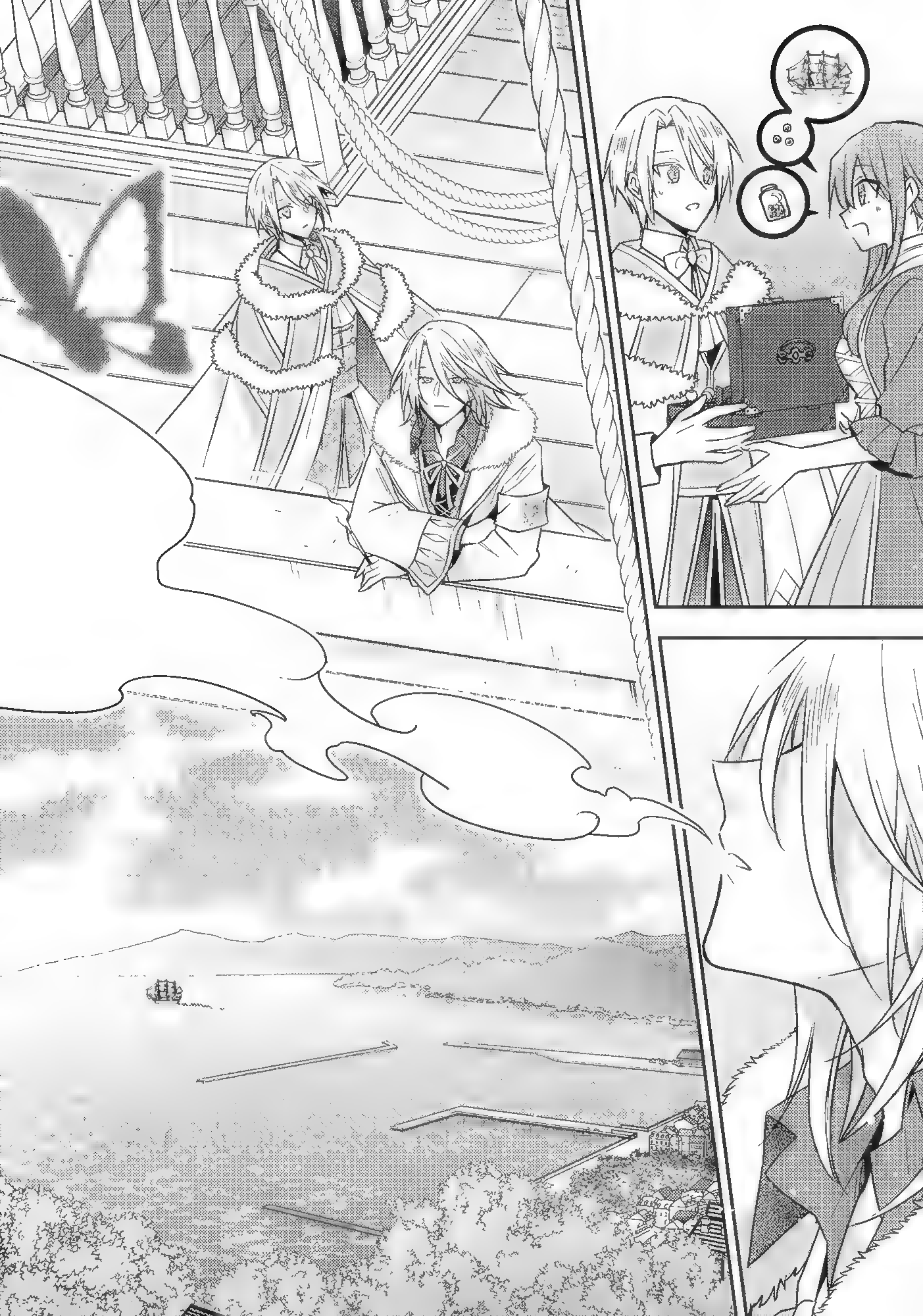


I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH I
CAN TRUST
LORD LAWVINE
ANYMORE,
THOUGH...



HE DIDN'T
REVEAL
THAT I WAS
LUCIUS.





Arnold's Office

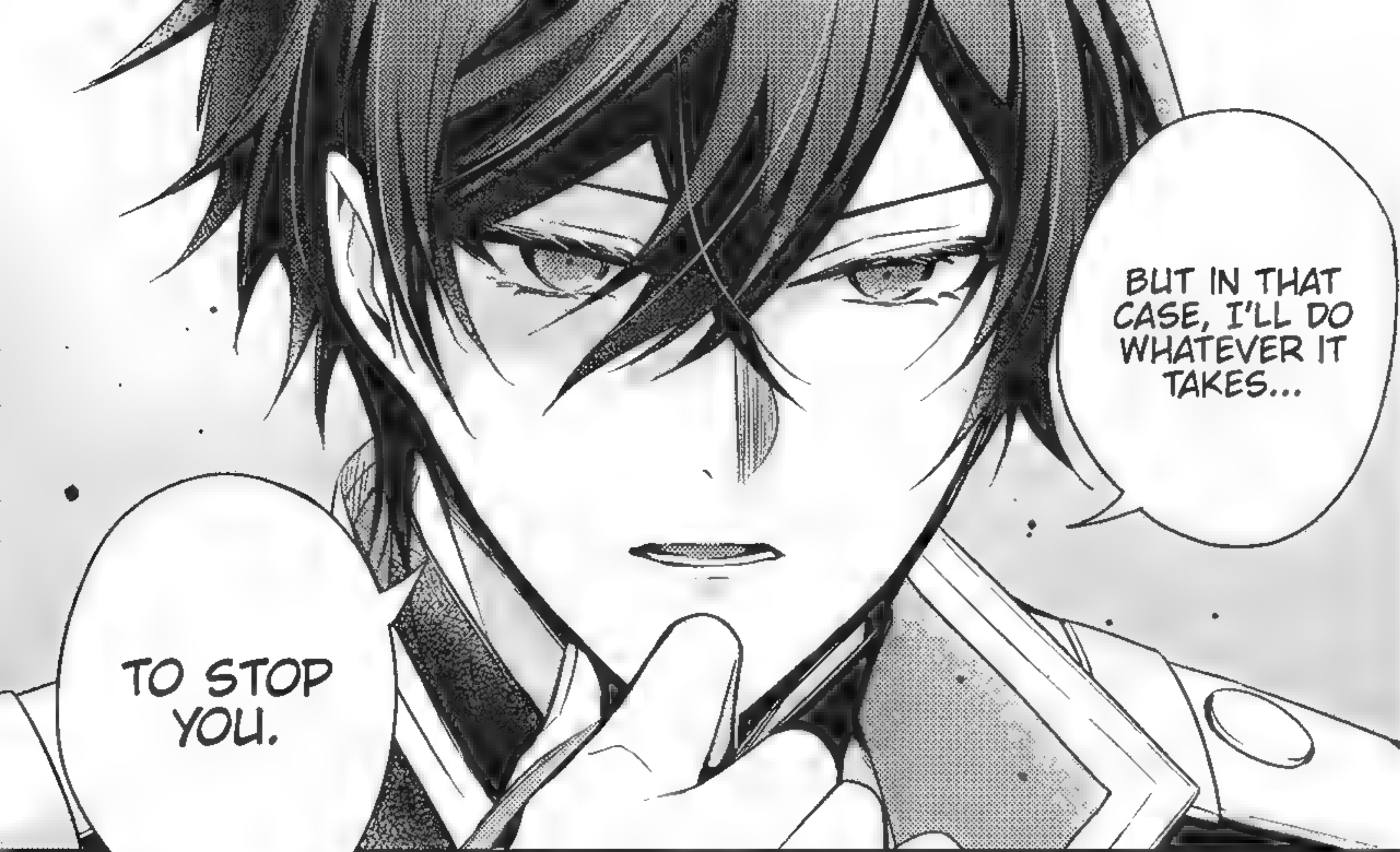
I HAVE A
REQUEST,
PRINCE
ARNOLD.

I WOULD
LIKE TO...

FORMALLY
ANNUL MY
ENGAGEMENT.

...







I WANT TO
ANNUL...

MY
ENGAGEMENT
TO LORD
DIETRICH.

To Be Continued





7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
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A Gift to Rishe, the World's Most Beautiful Blue

As the carriage rattled on, Rishe gazed at the ring Arnold gave her.

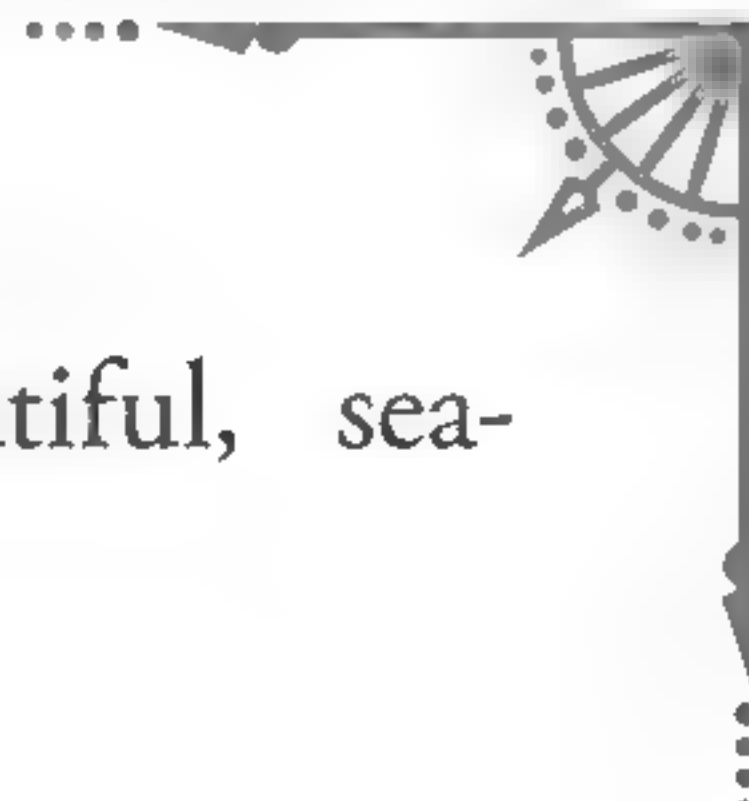
Beautiful...

Rishe had never before seen a gem with such a beautiful color. Its icy blue surface reminded her of a frozen ocean, so cold and severe that she almost hesitated to stare at it. Yet its crystalline blue hue continued to attract her gaze. The gemstone—a sapphire—crowned a band of gleaming gold.

It's so beautiful I can't take my eyes off it.

Rishe had lost count of how many times she'd had that exact thought. The ring glimmered on her left hand, catching the light on its many faces as she turned it. She tried tilting her head to look at it from the opposite direction and found it just as beautiful as before.

What a deep, dusky blue. It would look almost as black as the midnight sky in a dimly-lit room, or in the banquet hall of an evening soiree. But with the sun shining in through the carriage window, it glows with the brilliant blue of the ocean's depths.



Rishe sighed as she admired the beautiful, sea-colored gem.

It looks just like His Highness's eyes...

"Rishe."

"H-huh?!"

Rishe nearly leapt out of her seat upon hearing the voice of the man who'd just wandered into her thoughts. She gathered her senses and registered that Arnold—the one who gifted the ring—was still seated opposite her, as he had been the entire ride. He'd been preoccupied with reading over some official documents until now, leaving Rishe to sit in comfortable silence, but it seemed he'd finished up while she was lost in thought.

As their eyes met, Arnold raised his eyebrows. "You've been staring at that ring for a while now."

"Oh! I'm sorry, I just..."

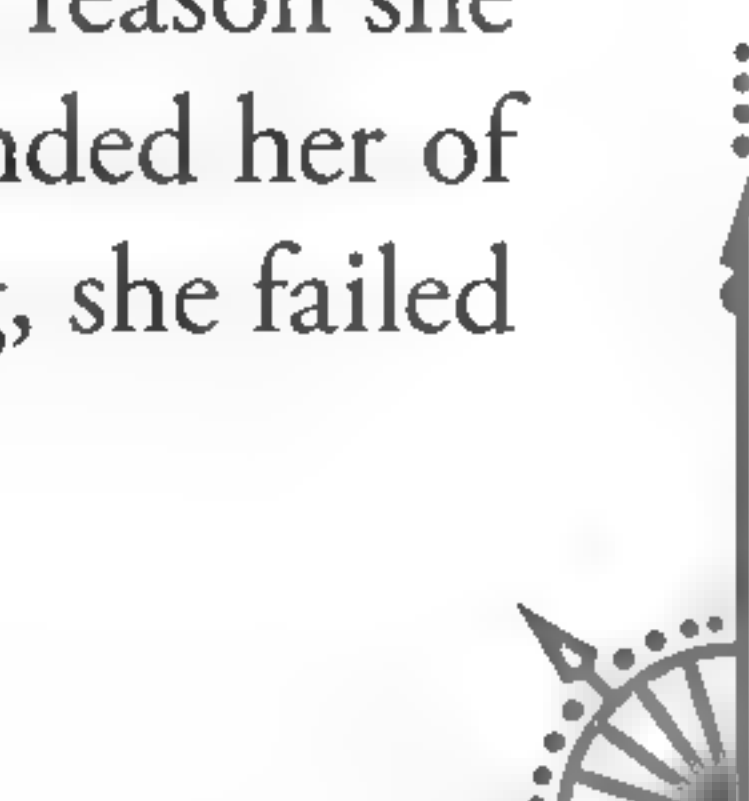
Her enthusiasm for the ring was obvious. Blushing, she covered the ring with her right hand.

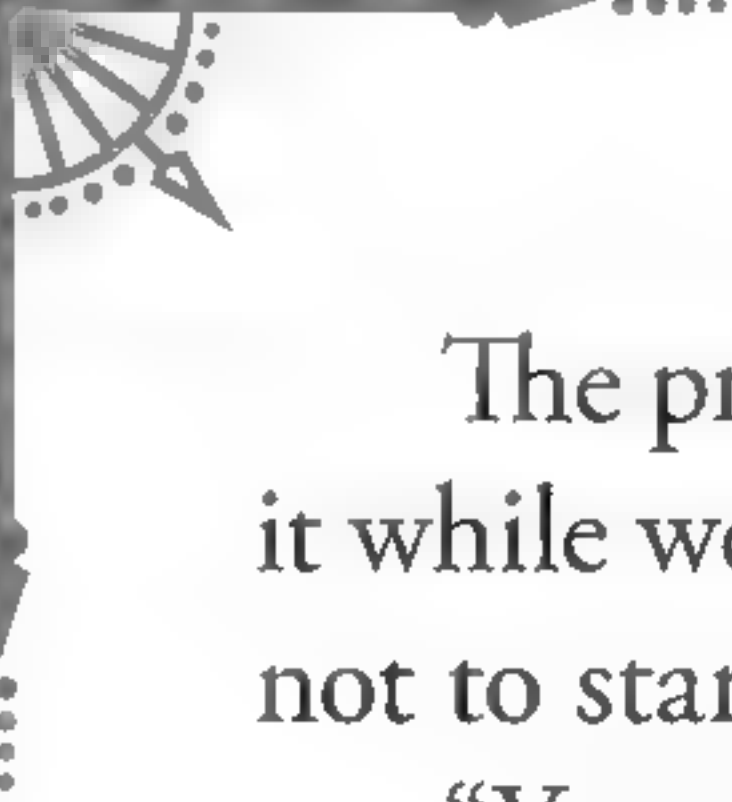
"It's such a beautiful gift. I can't help but admire it every time I see it. I love it so much."

Arnold said nothing.

"I know I keep staring at it, but I can't help myself," she continued. "This shade of blue has such an enchanting pull to it."

Again, Arnold remained silent. Rishe had not yet realized this, but she'd accidentally let slip that the whole reason she found sapphire so beautiful was because it reminded her of his eyes. With her head pointed down at the ring, she failed to notice Arnold furrowing his brows at her.





The prince sighed. "I don't mind you being distracted by it while we're still in the carriage, but once we've arrived, try not to stare at your ring too much."

"Yes, of course! I'm looking forward to watching you perform your duties in the city."

She wasn't lying; she really *was* looking forward to this, so she made it a point to look up from her ring. Arnold rested his cheek on his hand by the windowsill and gave her a slightly dismayed look.

"No, that's not what I meant. I just don't want you to get distracted by it while we're walking and trip in those high heels."

"D-don't worry! I'll be fine!"

"Really? I'm not so sure," Arnold teased, his eyes creasing with laughter. The light shining in from the window reflected in them, revealing their breathtaking beauty.

"I mean, you were so distracted that you didn't notice my gaze for a good while."

"H-how long were you watching me?!"

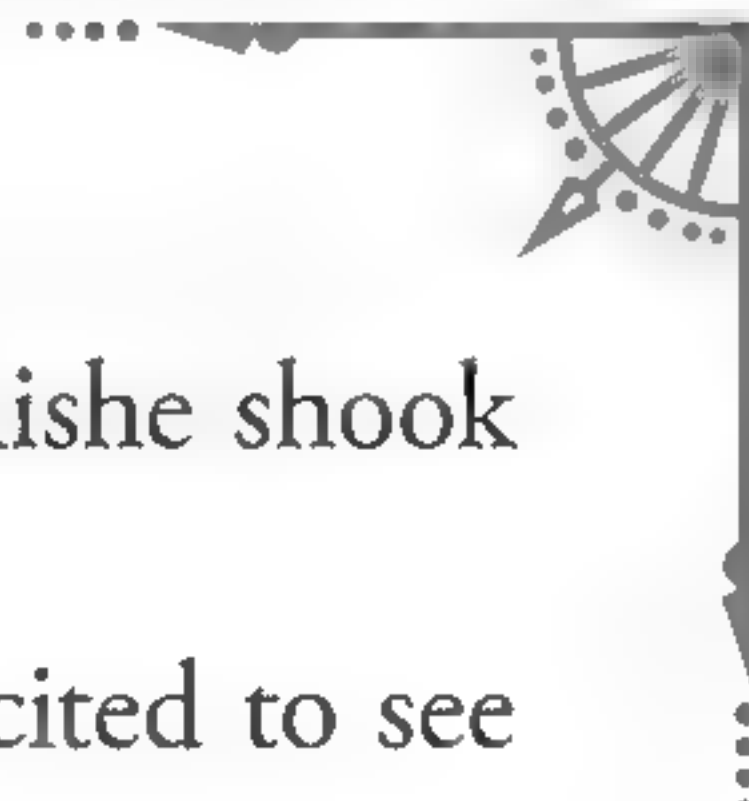
"Who knows?"

Had Arnold been watching her for longer than she realized? Her cheeks grew hot once more, but the prince simply grinned and refused to elaborate.

"Well, Your Highness..." Rishe murmured, still somewhat flustered. "You say I look at this ring too much, but I'm not the only one..."

Arnold looked at her, curious. "What did you say?"

"Oh, um, nothing!"



Arnold seemed mystified by her outburst. Rishe shook her head vigorously.

“A-anyway, we’re almost there, right? I’m excited to see your work up close!”

“That’s an interesting choice of words for someone who declared she’s too lazy to work herself.”

“Hmm?”

As they spoke, Rishe gazed into that intoxicating shade of blue once more, but this time she wasn’t staring at the gleaming sapphire on her ring.

Such a brilliant blue.

Arnold’s eyes, looking back at Rishe, really were the most beautiful color in the world.



A few days later, in the royal villa, Rishe was preparing some soup that Arnold asked her to make.

“Prince Arnold.”

There was no answer. Standing in front of a small kitchen table, Rishe continued dicing medicinal herbs. Arnold sat opposite her, his cheek pressed against the wooden back of his chair as he gazed at Rishe’s hand in silence.

“Your Highness...?”

He did not stir from his reverie.

“Um...”

Another moment passed in silence.

“Prince Arnold!”



Even without lifting her head, Rishe could tell that Arnold's gaze was fixed on her.

You say I look at this ring too much, but I'm not the only one...

Rishe finished the thought with what she'd left unsaid in the carriage the other day.

You look at my hand much more than you used to now that I've got your ring on my finger!

Him staring at it could be considered embarrassing, but Rishe didn't think it was a bad thing. However, that realization only served to make her more embarrassed herself.

"What's wrong?" Arnold asked.

".....!"

Those blue eyes stared at Rishe. The fact that she could look into his jewel-like eyes whenever she pleased felt almost unreal somehow.

"Oh, uh...about this soup...I think maybe you should eat something proper for dinner, instead of one of my strange concoctions..."

"What? But I already told you I wanted to eat something you made."

"Urgh! Fine..."

In truth, Rishe didn't mind. Because cooking for Arnold meant that until the soup was ready, she had the most beautiful blue in the world all to herself.



7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
Married to Her Worst Enemy!

Congratulations on the release of the sixth volume of the "7th Loop" manga!!

This volume features the climactic scene from the second volume of the original novel that I've been looking forward to having Kino-sensei draw! I love everything about it--from the dramatic composition leading up to it to the beautiful ending scene!

The manga adaptation has now begun adapting content from the third volume of the original novel series, which means a new arc is about to begin! I hope you're all excited for the next volume of the manga, as well as the anime and the original novel!

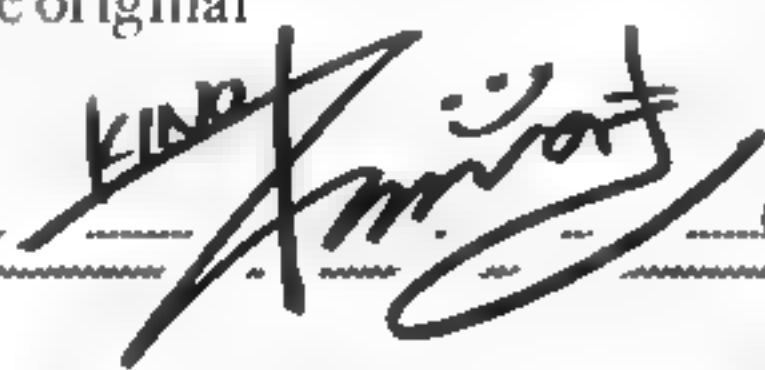
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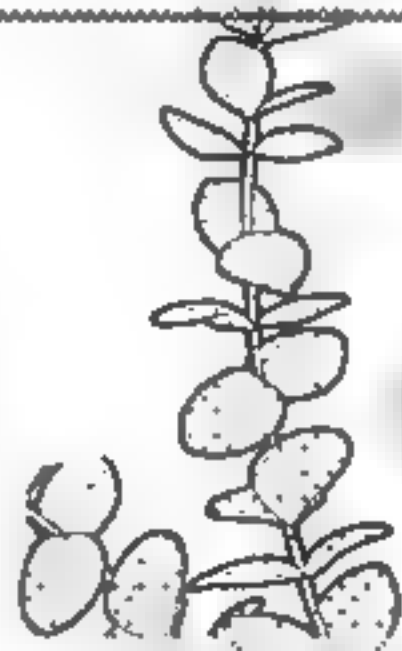
Prince Kyle from her life as an apothecary and Michel from her life as an alchemist.

The sixth volume of the story centers on Rishe's final battle with her former teacher and alchemist, Michel! Thank you for reading! In this volume we also took time to develop the characters' relationships. Prince Arnold gives Rishe a ring, and she finally lets him touch her, thus recreating their proposal! We hope you will keep paying attention to the development of their relationship in the future.

The anime is also airing and receiving amazing reviews! I can't help but look forward to it every week. I'll do my best to make the "7th Loop" manga exciting as well. The new story from Amekawa-sensei is great this time too! Thank you so much! I hope you enjoy it. The next volume will feature content from the third volume of the original work and will be the start of a new arc.



The beautiful design of the ring, the backdrop of the training area, and the garden were all used as references for the anime!



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RISHE AND
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RISHE

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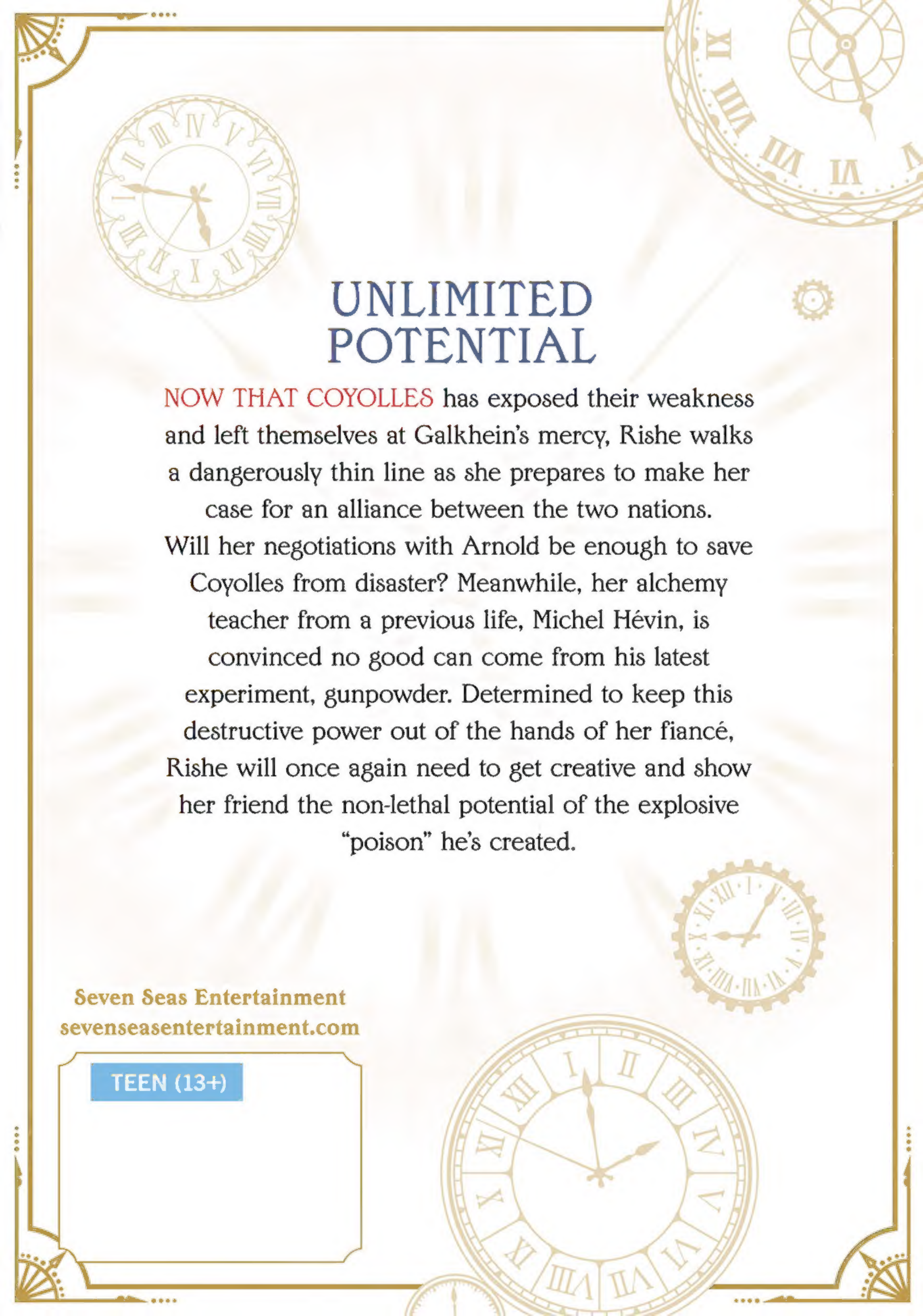
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Will her negotiations with Arnold be enough to save Coyolles from disaster? Meanwhile, her alchemy teacher from a previous life, Michel Hévin, is convinced no good can come from his latest experiment, gunpowder. Determined to keep this destructive power out of the hands of her fiancé, Rishe will once again need to get creative and show her friend the non-lethal potential of the explosive "poison" he's created.

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